

Host a “We the People” Mini-Rally

Grab 3-5 friends, make some signs (or print [NETWORK’s new, pre-made signs](#)), and make yourselves visible in your community!

This is the tactic for you if...

- You live in a district with a Representative (or Senator) that voted for last year’s H.R. 1 (Big Bad Budget Law)
- You have 3-5 friends who care about the harm in your community
- You can stand for about an hour at a time (or can bring a lawn chair!)
- You can print (or make) a sign

Why this tactic matters

Members of Congress will be home for Recess the first week of May, and we want to let them know how their policies harm our communities and that we care about our neighbors.

This tactic also helps inform members of our communities about *why* things are getting worse – families are losing their access to food and healthcare because of the choices our legislators made.

And worse – some members of Congress are considering making even more cuts and giving even more money to ICE and CBP! Hosting a pop-up rally keeps them on their toes, letting them know that their constituents will hold them responsible for further cuts to programs our families, neighbors, and communities rely on!

What to do

1. Pick a date, time, and location for your event.

Pick the time that works best for your group.

When picking a location, you might consider a local park, a farmer's market, outside of a place of worship (with permission!), near a government building, in front of a Member's office, or along a roadway (as long as it's safe!). If you plan on handing out [Zines](#), consider somewhere with more foot traffic.

Pro-tip: For the greatest visibility, pick a busy intersection during rush hour.

2. Get 3-5 friends to join you.

You can certainly invite more, but don’t put a lot of pressure on yourself to get a big crowd there. The most important thing is that you are there and visible. If you want to invite more people or promote it to community partners, your NETWORK organizer can get you a flyer.

3. **Register your event with NETWORK.**

By registering your event with NETWORK, you're helping us to track our impact and share it with partners. We'd also love to promote your event to people who are nearby and/or partner organizations. (Please let us know if you would *not* like us to promote your event.)

4. **Print or make signs.**

The NETWORK Communications staff has made **some great new signs** for you to use. You can print these on letter sized paper (or cardstock) from a home printer, on 11x17 cardstock from most office printers (recommended), or 18x24 from a professional printer.

Pro-tip: Bring a few extra signs if you can in case people walking along want to join you or if other people invited weren't able to make signs.

Pro-tip: If you're going to be standing in an area that also gets a lot of foot traffic, you might also consider **printing and folding zines** if you have time. That way you can share with passers by more details about how the Big Bad Budget Law is hurting their neighbors.

5. **Have your event.**

Be sure to take pictures and have some fun! If you have people join who you don't know, make sure to introduce yourself – these might be folks you can invite to future actions!

Pro-tip: Consider bringing some music with you and making it a dance party or singalong.

6. **Report back to let us know how your event went!**

Let us know what went well, how the support was, and what you might hope for in the future. This helps us to improve the support we're able to provide to you.

Send us your pictures. Photos especially help us to promote your great work and inspire others to join you! Please let us know who is in the photo and if we have permission to use the photos in a future NETWORK publication or social media post.

7. **Follow up with your participants!**

Follow up with your participants to ask how they thought the event went. This helps them to put meaning to the action they took and, research shows, makes them significantly more likely to engage in a future action with you!

NETWORK Support

NETWORK organizers are here to support you. If you have any questions or want to talk through any ideas or concerns you may have, reach out!

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