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**Washtenaw NOW hears from SURJ at our July meet-up!**

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## July 13th meet-up

**Washtenaw NOW's July 13th meet-up for members and friends**

**will be held at the [Ypsilanti District Library](#), 229 West Michigan**

**Avenue, from [7- 8:30 PM](#). Signage will direct you to the meeting**

**room downstairs. We have invited members of the Ypsilanti**

**Chapter of [Standing Up for Racial Justice](#) (SURJ) to join this**

**meet-up to tell us about their goals, past and ongoing projects**

and how we might work collaboratively with them on the  
important issues of these troubled times.



## Time to sign up for a shift at our Ann Arbor Art Fair booth!

Have some fun and help your NOW chapter with our big fundraiser for the year! Art Fair will run from **Thursday July 20 through Sunday July 23, 2017**. We will have bumper stickers, including the coveted and timely **RESIST** sticker, as well as t-shirts and cookbooks. **First timer? You will be paired with an experienced volunteer!** Follow this link to **sign-up genius** so you can select your shift:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0544AAAF2EAAF58-2017](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0544AAAF2EAAF58-2017)

## Senate "Healthcare" Bill

At our June meet-up we wrote actual letters to the **7 potential swing Senators** whose votes could determine the future of our healthcare. The current Senate bill (which has a lot of the same horrible features as the House version, leaving 22 million Americans without healthcare) fortunately failed to get enough support to be brought to a vote before the holiday break. After July 4th, however, the legislative process will resume at an accelerated pace. **A**

quick email to any of these Senators (or all 7 - the virtues of "cut and paste" !) with a compelling personal story would be very helpful. The best way to communicate is to go to [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) , put the name of the Senator in the search box, and use that Senator's e-mail form. Or call them, if you prefer!

Senator Lamar Alexander	<a href="tel:202-224-4944">202-224-4944</a>
Senator Shelly Moore Capito	<a href="tel:202-224-6472">202-224-6472</a>
Senator Bill Cassidy	<a href="tel:202-224-5824">202-224-5824</a>
Senator Susan Collins	<a href="tel:202-224-2523">202-224-2523</a>
Senator Dean Heller	<a href="tel:202-224-6244">202-224-6244</a>
Senator Lisa Murkowski	<a href="tel:202-224-6665">202-224-6665</a>
Senator Rob Portman.	<a href="tel:202-224-3353">202-224-3353</a>

## Sample Healthcare e-mail:

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Although I do not live in your state, your upcoming vote on changes to our current healthcare law will have a direct impact on my great nephew Aiden. (or on you, your family member, your friend or neighbor)

(The short version of the story.) My niece and her husband spent 5 years and thousands of dollars on fertility treatments in their pursuit of parenthood. After all that, their darling Aiden was born. But he had a severe heart defect that required 2 open heart surgeries and 6 weeks in intensive care before he could go home. He will need another surgery at age 5, and another as a teen to help his heart keep pace with his growing body. Aiden has a pre-existing condition, and is on expanded Medicaid. Without ongoing care, he will die.

Please think of Aiden (your example's name) and all of the other Americans whose lives are at stake as you vote to make changes to the Affordable Care Act. We are counting on you.

Thank you!

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## Save the date for one more **PRIDE** celebration

**Friday August 4 - Sunday Aug 6, OUTFEST AND PRIDE PICNIC**, Jim Toy Center, 319 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. Details will be available later in the summer at <http://www.jimtoycenter.org/outfest>

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