



Indivisible NJ-5 Endorses Senator Bob Menendez

Indivisible NJ-5 announces that it has endorsed Bob Menendez (D-NJ) for re-election as New Jersey's U.S. Senator. The endorsement was based on a vote of a quorum of active members, with a 60% threshold for endorsement. Members were free to endorse any of the existing candidates for this office from any party or to recommend not making any endorsement.

“As a two-term U.S. Senator, Bob Menendez has consistently defended the rights of all Americans and the best interests of his constituents. Not only does he have an exemplary voting record, but Senator Menendez has worked to craft bipartisan legislation with values of compassion and fairness,” said Jeff Fox, Madeline Trimble, and Anna Wong, the co-leaders of Indivisible NJ-5.

Here are just a few highlights from Bob Menendez's extensive record:

Common Sense Gun Control:

[Introduced the Assault Weapons Ban of 2017](#), a bill to ban the sale, transfer, manufacture and importation of military-style assault weapons. (Nov 8, 2017)

Sanctions on Russia:

In August, he [teamed with GOP Senator Lindsey Graham to introduce](#) what Graham called the “sanctions bill from hell” to impose sanctions on Russia, while protecting U.S. membership in NATO.

Opposed indefinite detention of children:

"Indefinite detention of mothers and children... does not comport with our values and is among the most shameful of this administration's actions." (Sept 6, 2018)
He also [co-sponsored the REUNITE Act](#) to reunite immigrant children separated from their parents at the border.

Senator Menendez has received 100% ratings from:

- Planned Parenthood Action Fund
- AFL-CIO
- Environment America
- NARAL Pro Choice
- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- National Education Assoc.
- Human Rights Campaign
- Disabled American Veterans

(Source: Votesmart.org)

According to Fivethirtyeight's analysis, Senator Menendez [has among the strongest records in the Senate in voting against the cruel Trump agenda.](#)



In contrast, Senator Menendez's opponent, Bob Hugin, who calls himself a "different kind of Republican," was a Trump delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention, was [finance chairman for Trump's New Jersey campaign and donated \\$100,000 to a pro-Trump super PAC](#) and more than \$100,000 to the Republican National Committee after Trump became its de facto nominee.

Hugin's history of intolerance started young: [as an undergraduate, he stated that a gay man in his eating club "wouldn't last long" and led a campus petition drive to prevent the college's anti-discrimination policy from including gays and lesbians. He continued fighting to exclude women from the eating club for more than a decade.](#)

In his professional life, as the executive chairman of drug maker Celgene, Hugin [fought the government in order to keep his drug prices high](#). Under Hugin, Celgene helped block the [Creating and Restoring Equal Access to Equivalent Samples Act](#), aimed at removing barriers for generic manufacturers. In 2017 the company [raised the price on its cancer drug, Revlimid by 20 percent](#) while lowering its price in Russia by 46 percent.

Rep. Frank Pallone, D-6th Dist., the top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, calls Hugin "the [poster person](#) for stopping generics from coming to market and keeping drug prices high."

Given Menendez's admirable track record in the Senate, and his opponent's embrace of Trump and ripping-off of cancer drug patients, Indivisible NJ-5 enthusiastically endorses Bob Menendez for United States Senate for New Jersey.

About Indivisible NJ-5

Indivisible NJ-5 is a grassroots group for those who want to nonviolently resist, as described in the Indivisible Guide (<https://www.indivisibleguide.com/web>), the destructive and undemocratic actions of Donald Trump and the GOP. We are focused on New Jersey's 5th Congressional District, but not part of any political party and not financed by anyone.

We hold our representatives, Sen. Robert Menendez, Sen. Cory Booker, and Rep. Josh Gottheimer accountable by monitoring their positions and voting records; by fostering productive communication between constituents and representatives; and by demanding public accountability. We will continue to press all of these representatives on issues where we believe their votes and positions need to be improved.

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