

February 15, 2018 – 12:30 PM

Olympia Indivisible Delegation visit with
Phil Gardner, District Director for Congressman Denny Heck, and
Dallas Roberts, District Representative
Thurston and Mason CO office 420 College St SE Ste 3000

O.I. members attending: Carolyn Barclift, Barbara Silverstein, Michael
Silverstein and Lucy Winter

Introductions

1. Ask: Insist the House bring up the issue of sensible gun control. Florida was the 18th school shooting in 2018.

2. Thank you: for voting for **S.1532 - No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act** which directs the Department of Transportation to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses such a vehicle in committing a felony involving a severe form of human trafficking.

3. Thank you for speaking out for Puget Sound cleanup in regards to Trump's 2019 EPA budget. "President Trump tried to drastically cut Puget Sound's funding last year, and it didn't work," Rep.Heck said. "We've told him and shown him that there is bipartisan support for federal investments in Puget Sound recovery, and his budgets should reflect that. Americans want clean waterways and the EPA's Geographic Programs are an important part of that commitment." [Seattle Times](#)

4. Thank you for supporting five science-based bills that all passed the House unanimously. **HR 4376**, The Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act, **HR 4377** The Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act, **HR 4378** The Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act, **HR 4675** The Low Dose Radiation Research Act, and **H.R.4323** Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act. The first four bills update and upgrade the research infrastructure at Dept of Energy's national labs where some 30,000 researchers work. The STEM bill encourages veterans to pursue careers in STEM fields.

5. Thank you: for cosponsoring **H.R.4547 - Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018** which if enacted, would provide significant new protections for seniors whose Social Security benefits are paid through a representative payee. This passed unanimously in the house.

6. Thank you for speaking out about the Nunes memo.

“We should call this memo for what it is,” said Rep. Heck, “which is a propaganda piece of information or misinformation, designed to do nothing but discredit our federal law enforcement agencies. Period. Full stop.”

[Fox Q13](#)

[Seattle Times](#)

7. Thank you for cosigning a letter to Secretary of the Interior Zinke protesting any offshore drilling.

That letter read in part: “We write to express our strong opposition to inclusion of Pacific Northwest waters in the Trump Administration’s National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024. The states of Washington and Oregon have made clear through local, state, and federal action, as well as extensive public comment, that oil and gas lease sales off the Pacific Coast are not in the best interest of our economies or environment.”

8. Thank you for inviting Willie Frank III to the State of the Union.

[Nisqually Valley News](#)

9. Thank you for voting **yes** on the 2-year budget. Many good things were included, but we were disappointed that **DACA** was not included. **CHIP** was funded for 10 years, and Community Health Centers were funded for an additional 2 years.

10. Ask: Stand with Dreamers and a reasonable immigration bill. The Senate compromise bill looks to be in trouble. [Politico](#)

11. Ask: Oppose a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. This is simply an intimidation tactic to give Republicans an advantage in drawing congressional boundaries.

12. Ask: Speak out against the current direction of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The CFPB dropped a lawsuit against a lender that allegedly charged people up to 950% interest rates. Led by Trump appointee Mick Mulvaney, the CFPB will operate for the years 2018 through 2022 under a "revised mission and vision of the bureau" that will call upon the agency to "fulfill its statutory responsibilities but go no further." [NPR](#)

13. Ask: Demand that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau continue the investigation into Equifax. Mick Mulvaney, head of the CFPB, has pulled back from a full-scale probe of how Equifax Inc failed to protect the personal data of millions of consumers. [Reuters](#)

14. Ask: Demand that the CFPB continues with its job of enforcing the law. The Trump administration has stripped enforcement powers from a CFPB unit responsible for pursuing discrimination cases. [Washington Post](#)

15. Ask: Speak out about Trump not reading the President's Daily Brief, which outlines the most important information collected by U.S. intelligence agencies from around the world. Instead, he receives an oral briefing on select intelligence issues, because reading is not Trump's preferred "style of learning." [Washington Post](#)

16. Ask: Insist that WH staff receive appropriate security clearances or resign. Dozens of White House employees still don't have permanent security clearance. Employees have been working for months with temporary approvals as they continue to handle sensitive and classified information while they wait for the FBI to issue permanent clearances. What is Rep Heck doing to ensure the process for permitting security clearances is accurate?

[Washington Post](#)

17. Ask: Resist the ego stroking Trump military parade. Members of Congress from both parties are calling Trump's request for a military parade a waste of money that would break with democratic traditions. Defense Secretary James Mattis has said that preparations for a celebration are underway. Trump's military parade would cost between \$10 million and \$30 million. The White House hasn't budgeted for the parade, which would require Congress to appropriate the funds, or use money that already has been approved for other programs. [Politico](#)

18. Ask: Demand that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention be adequately funded. The CDC will cut its epidemic prevention activities by 80% because it's running out of money.

19. Ask: There are credible accusations of sexual assault by the president. We would like the Justice Department to investigate this issue. What is Rep Heck doing to ensure this happens?

20. Ask: Support H.R 4077, the Honest Ads Act. Sponsored by Derek Kilmer. The legislation would have the FEC enact rules for online advertisements similar to what is in place for television, radio, and satellite ads so it's clear to the public where they are coming from. This type of legislation is imperative in today's election environment given Russia's probable interference in the 2018 elections.

21. Ask: What are Democrats doing to ensure our 2018 midterm elections are secure?

Schedule next meeting. Take photo.