

Senator Cantwell's Tacoma Office

950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 615

June 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with

Rosa McLeod

South Sound & Olympic Peninsula Outreach Director

Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Pam Pride, Steve Jacoby, Karen Romanelli, and Carla Wulfsberg.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Olympia Indivisible delegation
2. Rosa McLeod, introduction

THANK YOUs

A. Protecting our National Security, Cybersecurity

- Thank you for joining with Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) to introduce S. 2887, legislation to add additional resources to the National Guard cybersecurity capabilities in every state and territory. [Critical infrastructure for cybersecurity in states and territories is not provided by the federal government. Therefore, Senate Bill 2887, (the Lowenberg Cyber Act) will provide for Cyber Civil Support Teams in every state and territory to work to prevent and respond to cyber incidents .]

B. Protecting Our Environment, Washington State Economy

- Thank you for sending a letter to R.D. James, U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works calling on him to hold public meetings in Washington State and to further expand the 90-day scoping period for the proposed mine's environmental impact statement.

[This will allow public comment period for the proposed Pebble mine, an open-pit copper and gold mine on Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed. Washington fishermen, suppliers and businesses would have the chance to weigh in on the impact of Pebble Mine on the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery. Destroying the Bristol Bay watershed will harm the millions of salmon that return each year along with livelihoods of the fishermen and industries that depend on these salmon.]

- Thank you for writing a letter of bi-partisan support to Pat Roberts (R-KS), Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Ranking Member, expressing strong support to include S. 538, Timber Innovation Act (TIA) in the upcoming 2018 Farm Bill.

[Innovations and mass-timber technologies in this bill would assist the US Forest Service to achieve their mandate of maintaining healthy, sustainable forest production for years to come and create new markets for wood.]

- Thank you for issuing a recent statement following the US State Department's announcement to begin modernization of the Columbia River Treaty. You stated this is a positive step forward. Thank you for laying the groundwork since 2014 to modernize the Columbia River Treaty with Canada.

[This treaty has not been revised since it was ratified in 1964. Solutions are needed to manage the river with regards to cooperation on critical clean energy solutions such as smart grids, balancing ecosystem function including salmon recovery, flood control, and hydropower generation.]

C. Protecting Net Neutrality

- Thank you for voting to approve a Senate resolution under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to undo the FCC’s vote last December to repeal net neutrality. [The CRA is a law that permits Congress to revisit—and reject—decisions by administrative agencies within a certain window of their approval. The resolution has come shortly before the net neutrality rules are officially set to expire on June 11.]

D. Protecting Our Health Care

- Thank you for making a statement on June 4 supporting stable and affordable health insurance and condemning the Trump Administration’s promotion of “junk insurance plans and the elimination of cost-sharing reductions for low-income people.”
[The Associated Press reported that WA State Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler reported that “. . . any increase will be hard for consumers to bear.”]

E. Protecting Our Democracy, Native American Veterans

- Thank you for voting No to the confirmation of Gina Haspel as CIA Chief. We are extremely disappointed in the 6 Democratic Senators who voted for her confirmation.
- Thank you for joining with eleven Senate colleagues to call for improvements to a HUD program that helps Native American veterans find housing in Indian Country so they can live near their families with access to traditional healing practices that are culturally appropriate. Your letter requests a no-cost fix in the FY 2019 appropriations bill.

ASKS

1) Protect our Democracy

ASK: Defend the Mueller investigation.

- Create a bi-partisan coalition with concerned Republicans to safeguard the investigation. Work with Republicans who are concerned about Trump's attacks to develop a bipartisan shield.
- Speak out forcefully and frequently in defense of the investigation.

2.) Protect the Vulnerable in our Society

ASK: Demand Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen and ICE Stop Separating Families; Defund ICE and CPB.

[*The Washington Post* reported that the number of migrant children held in US government custody without their parents has surged 21% in the past month, an increase driven by the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" crackdown on families who cross the border illegally.

Although the government has not disclosed how many children have been separated from their parents as a result of the new measures, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) said on May 29 that it had 10,773 migrant children in its custody, up from 8,886 on April 29. This cruel policy must end.]

ASK: Please visit the facility in Brownsville, Texas where children are being held whose parents have attempted to cross the border. Senator Jeff Merkley attempted to enter this facility on Sunday, June 3. Police were summoned and he was told to leave. At least one or two members of Olympia Indivisible will join you if you plan to visit this facility.

ASK: Cosponsor and support S. 2849 – the DONE Act to prohibit the expansion of immigration detention facilities, to improve the oversight of such facilities. This bill was introduced on 5/15/18 by Senator Kamala Harris and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASK: Oppose the Department of Homeland Security decision to revoke the Temporary Protected Status for 57,000 Honduran residents in our country.

[The DHS decision to revoke TPS, based on their assessment that Honduras has largely recovered from Hurricane Mitch, does not reflect the remaining long-term damages that Mitch did to this impoverished country, and worse, completely ignores the high levels of violence and political instability that plague this poor country. The US Department of State advises that travelers “reconsider” travel to Honduras, and characterizes the country as having “serious problems” with “crime and violence”. The DHS decision to uproot 57,000 productive residents of our country and force them to return to a violence-torn country is inhumane, and should be reversed.]

ASK: Oppose the confirmation of Ronald W. Mortensen, as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. Mortensen would head of a bureau that is expected to provide “protection, ease suffering, and resolve the plight of persecuted and uprooted people. . .” However, he is highly critical of DACA and supports deportation for the vast majority of people unlawfully in the US.

3) Protect Our Quality of Life

ASK: Stop Trump from imposing tariffs on our allies.

We thank you for your statement on May 31 expressing concern about the potential trade wars with our allies created by the Trump Administration. But this demands more than a statement of your concern! Strongly oppose these tariffs and join with other members of Congress to pass legislation that prevents the president from making unilateral decisions on trade. These tariffs are alienating our allies, will

harm our economy and appear to be illegal. American farmers, including Washington apple growers, can lose their foreign markets quickly and take years to get them back. As you stated on June 2, “American apples make up half the total market in Mexico.”

ASK: Cosponsor S 2667, the Hemp Farming Act of 2018.

This bill, introduced by Senator McConnell on 4/12/18, would amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for State and Tribal regulation of hemp production. It has bi-partisan support but neither you nor Senator Murray have signed on to cosponsor.

Ask: Does Senator Cantwell’s vote in support of the VA Mission Act constitute a step toward privatization of the VA as suggested by Steve Hoffman in *The Spokesman-Review* on June 2, 2018? He states at that Congress sent the VA Mission Act to the president to sign on May 23.

Schedule next meeting.

Take Photo.

Senator Maria Cantwell

Committee Assignments

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety and Security

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine

Infrastructure, Safety and Security

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources- *Ranking Member*

Subcommittee on Energy

Subcommittee on Water and Power

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests and Mining

Senate Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure

Subcommittee on Health Care

Member, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs and Global Competitiveness

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship