Senator Cantwell’s Tacoma Office
950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 615

March 8, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.
Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with
Rosa McLeod,
South Sound & Olympic Peninsula Outreach Director

Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Joni Brill, Bill DePoto, Michael Leierer, and Carla Wulfsberg

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

THANK YOUs

A. Health Care, Health Issues

- Thank you for grilling Secretary Alex Azar about the Health and Human Services continuing efforts to cut the Medicaid program “by $1.4 over the next decade leaving more than 11 million Americans uninsured. Trump’s budget would also cut medical education programs despite the need for 90,000 additional doctors by 2025.” (2/15/18 News Release)

- Thank you for joining with a group of bi-partisan senators to introduce the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 2.0 that would increase funding for the CARA programs to combat the opioid epidemic. This will put in place additional policy reforms, including limits for initial opioid prescriptions for acute pain to three days.
Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and 8 Senate colleagues in a letter on March 5 to demand that Secretary of State Tillerson explain “deliberate censorship of critical reproductive rights and discrimination in the State Department’s annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2017.” [Letter to Rex Tillerson, March 5, 2018]

**B. Protecting Our Environment**

Thank you for leading 23 Senators in a letter to Secretary Zinke requesting an extension of the March 9, 2018 deadline to submit comments on the draft proposed program for leases to drill oil and gas off the Washington Coast.

**C. Protecting our Democracy**

1. **Consumer Protection, Economy**

   Thank you for voting NO on S. 2155, the bank lobbyist act, that would roll back restrictions on big banks, including foreign banks doing business in the U.S.. This bill would roll back consumer protections and oversight of large banks put in place with the Dodd-Frank bill of 2008. Please vote No when this vote comes up again later this week.

   Thank you for securing $9 million in funding for the City of Spokane Valley that will improve the safety and efficiency of freight and rail in Spokane Valley and increase access. [March 6, 2018]

2. **Our Tribes**

   Thank you for introducing legislation, S. 995, to compensate the Spokane Tribe for use of tribal lands to generate hydropower from the Grand Coulee Dam.

3. **Net Neutrality**
Thank you for joining with members of the Senate and House to introduce a Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution that would restore the 2015 Open Internet Order that the FCC repealed in February.

4. Cybersecurity

Thank you for calling for greater action by the government to examine threats to our nation’s cybersecurity infrastructure and for introducing the Energy Cybersecurity Act of 2018, S. 2444, to provide for enhanced energy grid security.

Thank you for introducing legislation, the Grid Modernization Act, S. 2445, that directs the Department of Energy to modernize the electric grid and improve its performance and efficiency.

Thank you for introducing legislation, S. 2449, 21st Century Energy Workforce Act of 2018, that calls for the Secretary of Energy to develop strategies to create a skilled energy workforce to defend the American energy in cyber preparedness.

5. Privacy - Data Breach

Thank you for stating in a Senate confirmation hearing that Equifax took “too long” (several months) to report its data breach that involved 143 million U.S. consumers. And, for suggesting more rigorous mandatory notification guidelines from companies like Equifax that collect personal data. [Ropes&Gray, March 2, 2018]

ASKS
1) ASK: HEALTH, Budget - Protecting Nutrition for Low Income Americans

Protect the supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To save money, Trump’s budget will cut household benefits by more than $260 billion over 10 years (40%). [Half of these funds would be used to give households a government-purchased *non-perishable food box instead* of food that households would otherwise purchase at the grocery store. This will radically restructure how SNAP benefits are provided. The current public-private partnership allows SNAP recipients the dignity of choosing what foods best meet their family’s needs. The proposed new system would be a significant cost shift to states and nonprofit food distributors, not to mention the disruption of the program for SNAP participants."

2) ASK – Protect People with Disabilities

Oppose H.R. 620 – ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017. All Americans deserve equal access to public spaces. Democrats say this bill would set civil rights for disabled Americans back decades. [It “prohibits civil actions based on the failure to remove an architectural barrier to access into an existing public accommodation” and requires “training for professionals to provide a guidance of remediation for potential violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.” This bill has passed the House.]

3) ASK: HEALTH. March is Colorectal Cancer Month

Cosponsor S. 479- Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act of 2017. This bill would fix a glitch in the current Medicare coverage, if during routine colonoscopy, the removal of a polyp might occur. As a result, the person being screened can receive a large unexpected coinsurance payment. [People on Medicare might forego the cancer prevention screening due to this glitch in Medicare coverage. ] (Letter to the Editor, *Kirkland Reporter*, March 5, 2018)
4) ASK: Protect Our Quality of Life (Gun legislation)
Oppose H.R. 38 - Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 This bill amends the federal criminal code to allow a qualified individual to carry a concealed handgun into or possess a concealed handgun in another state in which individuals are allowed to carry concealed firearms. It has passed the House. Potential danger of people carrying concealed weapons across state lines. Please oppose this!

5) ASK: Protect Our Quality of Life (Gun legislation)
Co-sponsor and support S. 2135 – Fix NICS Act of 2017 - to enforce current law - National Instant Background Check System. It amends the Brady Handgun bill of 1994. [S. 2135 has bi-partisan support.]

Co-sponsor and support S. 1923 – Background Check Completion Act of 2017. Prohibits firearms dealers from selling a firearm prior to the completion of a background check. This bill extends the Brady background check law of 1994 (which has stopped more than 3 million gun sales to convicted felons, domestic abusers, fugitives from justice and other dangerous people. (Senator Murray co-sponsored S.1923. There are 22 co-sponsors – all Dems.)

6) ASK: Protect Our Quality of Life (Gun-related legislation)
Co-sponsor and support S. 834 – a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention. [This bill has 32 co-sponsors, including Senator Murray.]

7) ASK: War in Yemen
Support S.J. Res. 54, Senator Sanders’ bill – “A joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.” Trump has supported the Saudis who are continuing an illegal and inhumane war in Yemen

8) ASK: Protect Our Veterans
This bill offers support and services to homeless veterans, including care for a dependent under the care of a veteran who is receiving services, expands dental care, and completes a study of VA assistance to homeless veterans.

9) ASK: Protect Our Environment
Last week, Pruitt announced he will scrap EPA rules restricting the disposal of coal ash, the toxic byproduct from coal-fired power plants. Coal ash often contains arsenic, chromium, lead, and mercury and has caused major water contamination across the country. Please confront Pruitt on this - protect our water and air.

10) ASK: Budget - Immigration
We applaud your invitation to Maur Mora Villapando to join you at the State of the Union Address. We ask that you continue to work to fix DACA - that does not include a border wall. Is there a plan for resolving this or just a temporary extension of DACA, pushing it past the midterm elections?

11) ASK: Budget - Campaign Finance
Protect the Johnson Amendment which, prohibits churches and other non-profits from donating and promoting political campaigns.
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