

Senator Cantwell's Tacoma Office

950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 615

May 2, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with

Rosa McLeod

South Sound & Olympic Peninsula Outreach Director

Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Terry Furst, Glenn Hubbard, Charlie Stephens, 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 securing funding for DOE's new Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response. This new office will lead a national effort fix our national grid vulnerabilities from foreign cyber attacks. We hope that DOE and Congress will work together to protect American citizens and our economy.

B. Protecting Our Environment

- Thank you for joining Senator Murray and 27 Democrat Senate colleagues in a letter to Chairman Pat Roberts, US Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, expressing your strong opposition to "gutting bedrock U.S. environmental laws with provisions that threaten our air, water, lands, and wildlife." You urged him to bring forward a 2018 Farm Bill that would not undermine key protections for the environment. (Letter of April 26, 2018)

- Thank you for partnering with Senator Murray to introduce S. 2720, the Clean Coast Act, “legislation that codifies rules finalized by the Department of the Interior in 2016 to address key safety recommendations made after the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster.” This bill will provide safety measures and increased design and maintenance standards for blowout preventers (the machine that failed and spilled 5 million barrels of oil into the Gulf in 2010.) The Trump administration and the oil industry want to roll back those standards.
- Thank you for your letter to Secretary Ryan Zinke asking him to stop preparations for a potential 2019 oil and gas lease sale in Alaska’s Beaufort Sea. You and three colleague Senators voiced strong opposition to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s (BOEM) call for information and nominations for the lease sales citing that BOEM had previously excluded this region entirely from offshore oil leasing in the 2017-2022 leasing program. (Letter of April 24, 2018)

C. Protecting Our Rights, Net Neutrality, Our Jobs, Our Democracy

- Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and a bi-partisan group of 50 senators in a letter to Secretary of Defense James Mattis opposing the Trump Administrations’ ban on transgender service members and the Secretary’s implementation recommendations for the ban.
- Thank you for cosponsoring S. 819, the Paycheck Fairness Act. This bill would direct the Department of Labor to establish and carry out a grant program for negotiation skills training for girls and women, conduct studies to eliminate pay disparities between men and women, and make available information on wage discrimination.

- Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and 20 Senate colleagues to send a strong letter to Ajit Pai demanding an end to the FCC’s “ad hoc approach to media ownership” and to comply with Congress’ directive in Section 202(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to “conduct a thorough, fact-based and impartial review of the current state of broadcast ownership and the media marketplace.” (Letter April 26, 2018)

- Thank you for joining Senator Murray and all Senate Democrats to vote NO on the confirmation of James Brindstine, NASA administrator. Though he is clearly unqualified to lead the space agency, he was approved in a vote of 50-49 – the closest confirmation in the agency’s history and not traditionally a place where partisan politics arise.

- Thank you for sending a letter to Trump with more than 20 Senate Democrats (including Senator Murray) calling for the nomination a full-time Senate-confirmed president for the United States Export-Important Bank (Ex-Im) and to push for the confirmation of four of his nominees to the Ex-Im Board of Directors. Ex-Im plays a crucial role in supporting nearly 12 million trade-dependent jobs and has not had a fully operational board since December 2015. (Letter of April 27, 2018)

D. US Military Authorization by Congress, Humanitarian Crisis

- Thank you for your strong public statement following the US military strikes against Syria for its chemical weapons attack. Your statement on April 14 demanded that the President present a “comprehensive strategy to end the conflict, including the humanitarian crisis, and seek an authorization from Congress to avoid any further military escalation.”

ASKS

1) Protect our Democracy

ASK: Oppose the confirmation of Gina Haspel as Director of the CIA. As a longtime CIA officer, Gina Haspel was a central figure in a shameful, horrific chapter of modern American history. She both ran a secret detention facility, or "black site," in Thailand, and carried out an order to cover up torture by destroying videotaped evidence. Her confirmation would send a message to the American people, U.S. government personnel, and the international community that the use of torture is not only condoned by America, it's rewarded.

Ask: Protect the public's access to information at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Mick Mulvaney, acting director of the CFPB, has indicated that he might end the public's access to consumer reports about inaccurate debt collections, illegal fees, improper overdraft charges, mistakes on loans and other problems. The Bureau has maintained an open searchable data base since 2011 which has pushed companies to take complaints more seriously.

Ask: Protect net neutrality. The Senate may vote on Senator Markey's resolution of disapproval sometime in May.

2. Protect the Vulnerable in our Society

ASK: Oppose HUD's proposal to change to federal housing subsidies. Secretary Ben Carson's new "low-rent reform" would increase rent payments for more than 2 million of the nation's poorest. This "reform" would allow housing authorities across the country to require residents to work. Dubbed "The Making Affordable Housing Work Act" is a bill that Congress would have to approve. HUD cannot unilaterally change the rent rules.

ASK: Support S.1917, the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act. This bipartisan effort would reduce racial disparity in sentencing, decrease the expense of ineffective mandatory minimums and increase judicial discretion in sentencing non-violent drug offenders.

3) Protect Our Quality of Life

ASK: Oppose the merger of Sprint and T-Mobile. This purchase would be anti-competitive and would violate anti-trust laws. Competition is beneficial for the consumer. Under President Trump, antitrust enforcement has become unpredictable.

ASK: Co-sponsor S. 834. We have asked you several times to co-sponsor this bill. It authorizes 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.]

4) War in Yemen, US Aggression in Syria

ASK: Co-sponsor S.J. Res.54 and speak out in Congress against the United States support of the Saudi's war in Yemen. You have still not signed on as co-sponsor of 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**." Neither you nor Senator Murray has co-sponsored this bill. Why not?

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