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

March 15, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. 
Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with 
Rosa McLeod, South Sound & Olympia Peninsula Outreach Director,

O.I. Members attending: Mary Moreno, Rita Sharangpani, Jane Stone, and Carla Wulfsberg, moderator

AGENDA:

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

3. Updates about Olympia Indivisible
   ▪ As of this week, 320 members,
   ▪ Established a 7-member steering committee
   ▪ 5 working groups with more coming onboard soon
   ▪ Question from our members: Which is a more effective way to communicate with Senator Cantwell – by phone, email?

   THANK YOU ~

Health Care:

4. THANK YOU – for defending the ACA and working to protect Planned Parenthood Services for 88,000 people in Washington State and for your top priority in preserving Medicaid funding to states and opposing any attempts to limit this through block grant legislation. 
Olympia Indivisible has encouraged its members to submit health care stories and worries to Senator Cantwell on her website.

Immigration & Hate Crimes:

5. THANK YOU – for co-sponsoring bill to reverse Trump’s new executive order against travel from 6 Muslim-majority and for joining Senators urging Trump administration to take action on anonymous bomb threats to Jewish institutions, to combat rising number of hate crimes. 
News this week: hate crime in Olympia – 6 cars spray painted, “Trump” and one with a racial slur.
Protecting our Veterans, Environment, and Homeland Security
6. THANK YOU – for your continued support of our veterans.
   • For resisting the $1.3 billion cut to the Coast Guard budget, resulting in catastrophic negative impacts to the Coast Guard and its critical role in protecting our homeland, our economy and our environment,” write 23 senators, led by Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), to OMB Director Mick Mulvaney. The cuts are intended to fund the Mexico wall.

7. THANK YOU – for efforts to continue funding for Puget Sound restoration, our environment as well as the Land & Water Conservation Fund that has projects along our national trails. (Senator Cantwell Tweets about LWCF)

“Education:
8. THANK YOU - for defending public education.
   • FOR voting NO on the confirmation of Seema Verma for the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service.

FOLLOW UP FOR INFORMATION FROM MARCH 1 MEETING:

9. from March 1: HJ 66 – This would free banks from former requirements to help employers set up IRAs or savings plans for their employees. Americans’ retirement savings are at risk. (Passed the House on 2/5.)
   Where does the senator stand on this? (There does not appear to be any action yet in the Senate.)
   We asked that the Senator vote NO.

10. from March 1: S 128 – the BRIDGE ACT
    This bill would protect immigrant children from immediate deportation. Allow DACA to remain in US for 3 years.
    [1/12/17 it was referred to Committee on the Judiciary]
    We asked the Senator to support S 128.

11. from March 1: Help with clarification on ICE policies.
    Current guidelines exempt from removal those protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The Administration gives us falsehoods about immigrants and refugees.
ASKS ~

Health Care
12. ASK – Please continue to oppose the repeal of ACA.
   We have asked Olympia Indivisible members to go to your website to give personal stories.

Protection of the Environment & Safety of Workers
13. ASK – Please protect the EPA – Resist all cuts. Vote NO- HR 861.
   This bill will reduce staff and eliminate dozens of programs.
   [Rep.Heck estimates Puget Sound clean up will lose 93% of its funding.]

14. ASK – Thank you for opposing HR 998, the SCRUB Act – Please continue to OPPOSE SCRUB Act– it passed the House, now in Senate. Undermines public health and safety with regulatory rollbacks. This would create an unelected board to make recommendations to Congress on cutting regulations. Gift to big business and puts lobbyists in the driver’s seat – end of regulations essential to protect our environment, health & workplace safety SCRUB would dismantle vital protections for our workforce, our environment, and our health.

15. ASK – Vote No on HJ 83 – Protect the safety of American workers. This bill would limit OSHA’s ability to cite employers who violate workplace injury and illness requirements. (Received in Senate 3/02)

16.ASK – Vote No on the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch for Supreme Court Justice. He will not defend women’s rights or workers.

Guns
17. ASK – Vote No on HR 1181 – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act
   Olympia Indivisible members have been analyzing this bill which will give mentally incompetent veterans the ability to purchase fire arms. If someone cannot handle money, they should not be allowed to purchase a gun. We think the potential is for someone who is unable to purchase a firearm to ask a mentally incompetent veteran to do it for them.
Town Halls or Attending an Olympia Indivisible Meeting
18. April Congressional break Mon. 4/10 – Fri. 4/21
   Will the Senator hold a Town Hall?
   Olympia Indivisible members would eagerly attend.
   If the Senator holds a town hall, we would not expect her to also
   attend a meeting of Olympia Indivisible.
   However, we have the room reserved for seven evenings.

19. THANK YOU for meeting with us.
    NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, March 29 ?

20 PHOTO – we’d like to take a photo with you.