Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Carolyn Barclift, Deborah Cornett, David Edwards, and Carla Wulfsberg

Agenda:

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

THANK YOUs

Environment

- Thank you for your hard work leading the fight to save Bristol Bay, Alaska from the Pebble Mining operation. Your fight began in 2011 when you urged the EPA to use authority under the Clean Water Act to block large scale development in Bristol Bay. The proposed mining operation would result in irreversible damage to Bristol Bay salmon and the jobs that depend on them. Your May 10 letter to Pres. Trump and all your efforts were exceptional work!
  [Press release May 10, 2017]

- Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and 20 other Senators (Dems and Repubs.) to send a letter to Energy Secretary Rick Perry opposing the sale of Bonneville Power Administration transmission lines. BPA is an important supplier of electricity to Washington’s utilities. The sale would raise electricity rates and would “take money out of the pockets of consumers and businesses in our states.” - Letter
  [Seattle Times 6/8/17]

- Thank you for introducing the Young Fishermen Development Act HR 2079 (4/6/17) with bi-partisan support from 3 other Senators to mitigate the challenges facing young people entering the fishing industry – with training opportunities and apprenticeship program.
  [Press Release June 9, 2017]
• Thank you for questioning Sec. of Interior Ryan Zinke to justify the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 budget request to cut $163 million from the U. S. Geological Survey- a 15% cut, $378 million from National Parks, $4 million from volcano monitoring and $9.5 million from earthquake monitoring (Early Warning Systems), $61 million from Land & Water conservation Program – the country’s most successful land conservation program that 85% of Senators made permanent last year. (Press Release 6/20/17)

• Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and 27 Senate Democrats to send a letter to Pres. Trump with strong concerns about the drastic budget cuts that would undermine the important rural development mission at the US Dept. of Agriculture. [Press Release May 30, 2017]

Health Care
• Thank you for speaking out on the Senate “hold the floor” this week opposing the Senate Health Care bill BCRA with challenges to the 13 Republican Senators Working Group asking why older people should be forced to go to nursing homes when the ACA provided incentives for community-based care at home? Why there will be $1 million cut from Medicare for Veterans? – Trump promised not cuts to Medicare and better access to health care. (Video from Senate Floor June 20, 2017)

Russian Investigation, Cyber Security
• Thank you for supporting democratic accountability and the transparent investigation of Russia’s interference in the 2016 elections.

• Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and 16 other Democratic Senators urging Trump to direct the Dept. of Energy to examine the threats that Russian hackers pose to the energy infrastructure in the U.S. and for accusing the Administration for failing to respond to a similar request 3 months ago. (Natural Gas Intelligence 6/26/17)

Education
• Thank you for joining with more that 150 members of Congress for sending a letter on June 12 to Sec. DeVos to express your concern for her decision to make changes to the student loan serving process, removing key requirements intended to support and protect student borrowers and to help them repay their loans. [Press Release June 12, 2017]
Consumer Protection
• Thank you for introducing “S. 1405”, the FAA Reauthorization Act, to continue federal aviation programs through fiscal year 2021. This bill includes new consumer protection for air travel and issues with personal drone usage and innovations.

• Thank you for joining with 11 Senate Democrats asking the Dept. of Justice to reject At&T’s massive $85 billion bid to acquire Time Warner that would harm consumers resulting in higher prices, fewer choices, and worse service. [Press Release 6/21/17]

Protecting Our Democracy
• Thank you for signing the complaint along with 196 members of Congress in the Us District Court, District of Columbia against Trump for failure to obtain consent from Congress before accepting payments, benefits, and gifts from foreign states violating the Constitution’s anti-corruption provisions – Foreign Emoluments Clause. (Press Release 6/20/17)

ASKS
Health Care
• Please continue your vocal opposition to TrumpCare in the Senate
• Continue to resist by withholding consent on senate business.
• Please object and bury TrumpCare in amendments.
• We are angry, we want the Senator to know that we do not support what the Republicans are doing:
• The cuts to Medicaid, while occurring over a longer period, are even larger than those in the House bill. [CBO report ]
• Story Bank- Look What Texas has done http://protectourcare.us/stories/stories-by-state/texas-stories/

Russian Interference
• Congress should not just investigate but act to prevent future interference by forming an independent commission with subpoena power to uncover further wrongdoings and share facts with the public. What about Senate Bill 27?

• Congress should research and recommend legislation that will PROTECT US FROM FUTURE INTERFERENCE in our elections [OI Research Report, Call to Action, June 11, 2017)
Privatization of Government Functions

Please oppose Trump’s Billionaire infrastructure scams:
- Trump tolls – lifting a federal ban that prevents tolling on existing lanes of interstate highways.

Schedule next meeting.

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