

Senator Cantwell's Tacoma Office

950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 615

August 1, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.

Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with

Rosa McLeod,

South Sound & Olympic Peninsula Outreach Director

Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Dave Cannerela, Zane and Ann Smith, and Carla Wulfsberg

Agenda:

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

THANK YOUs

Health Care, Health Issues

- Thank you for your strong opposition to the Senate health care bill, for speaking out on the Senator floor on July 13 with convincing facts on the “New Junk Insurance Provision”.
- Thank you for securing funding in the Fiscal Year 2018 Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill to address ongoing concerns about working in or near the tank farms at Hanford with exposure to chemical vapors. (NBC Right Now July 24, 2017)
- Thank you for writing a letter to the Secretary Tom Price (Dept of Health and Human Services) with Senator Murray and 34 Senate Democrats questioning plans to slash funding for the prevention of Teen pregnancy. (News Release July 21, 2017)

Protecting Our Democracy-/ Immigrants

- Thank you for sending a letter with Senator Murray and other Senate Democrats to the Appropriations Committee outlining your opposition to the funding of a border wall and new funding for the Dept of Homeland Security for “deportation forces and “ increase detention beds.”

- Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and 22 Senators to send a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly citing concerns about the impact of Trump's interior enforcement executive order on immigrant survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other crimes that erode longstanding protections. Your letter asks the Department to clarify by July 31, 2017 what policies CBP and ICE rely on when enforcing immigration laws.
(Maria Cantwell News Release 7/18/17)

Protecting Our Environment

- Thank you for your efforts with Senator Murray to protect the Handford Reach. On July 31, the Dept of the Interior, Secretary Zinke, agreed that the protection of the Handford Reach National Monument (195,000 acres) should not be changed. And for taking it one step further by saying none of the national monuments should be attacked. (The Hill July 31, 2017)
- Thank you for your letter with Senator Murray and other Senate Democrats to Rex Tillerson, James Mattis, and Rick Perry urging them to conduct the Nuclear Posture Review with broad interagency input to produce a publicly-available document to our nation's commitment to eventually eliminate nuclear weapons. (Letter July 19, 2017)
- Thank you for questioning David Berhardt, former lobbying for energy producers, mining companies and agribusiness concerns who Trump names as the Number 2 post at the the Dept. of the Interior asking if he would recuse himself from matters affecting Westlands Water District, citing that "public trust is a public responsibility and maintain an ethical culture is important." (Reveal, July 19, 2017)
- Thank you for responding with a statement to the House Republican's inclusion of provisions in their budget proposal for 2018 that would allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, (Senator Cantwell News Release July 19, 2017)

Infrastructure/Jobs

- Thank you for making sure the funding came through for Snohomish County airport for building a new stormwater detention pond, move a taxiway, and enhance an aircraft parking area with a grant of \$12 from the Fed. Aviation Admin. (Herald Net July 25, 2017)

- Thank you for your lobbying efforts to preserve funding for the AmeriCorps program. The entire county has benefited from the AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps (NCC) division Okanogan County with 150 volunteers this past year installing solar panels, rebuilding livestock panels, etc. (Methow Valley News, 8/1/17)

ASKS

Health Care

- Please continue your hard work to provide affordable and quality health care to the American people.
- Please help to ensure funding for teen pregnancy prevention programs.
- Please demand Congress fund the fight against the opioid crisis.

Protecting Our Democracy, 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.
- Federal Courts: We are concerned about the packing of Federal Courts with unqualified conservative judges. As of mid-July, Trump has nominated 27 judges for Federal District Court positions and 9 for Federal Appeals Court positions. Most are young with an average age of 48. We are concerned that the combination of Republican stall tactics and elimination of procedural safeguards will result in an unprecedented number of highly conservative Federal Court appointments., affecting the future of our Federal Courts for years to come. (OI Call to Action July 30, 2017)
- Please protect the Johnson Amendment and keep religious organizations out of politics.

Environment

- As it now stands, we have serious concerns about S.1460, the Energy and Natural Resources Act of 2017. Our understanding of this bill is that it expands the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, promotes fossil fuel extraction, and does not responsibly support renewables, thereby exacerbating climate change. Renewable energy included is related to hydroelectric which has problems associated with dams, habitat loss, and disrupting fish migration. Wind and solar are not included as strong initiatives. (OI Research Report July 29, 2017)

- Please defend DACA and support the Durbin-Graham DREAM Act (S.720)
- Please stop the criminalization of boycotts: Israel Anti-boycott Act (S. 720.) to amend existing international business laws to make it a felony for Americans to support the UN resolution or to cooperate with any other international efforts to boycott Israel. While the Israel-Palestine conflict is an ongoing, complicated matter, **this bill goes a step too far and criminalizes the ability of an American to protest.**
- **PLEASE HOLD TOWN HALLS DURING THE AUGUST RECESS.** We need to talk with you.!

Schedule next meeting. Take Photo.