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

September 12, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.
Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with
Rosa McLeod,
South Sound & Olympic Peninsula Outreach Director

Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Jean Garwood, Rosalie Romano, Mari Stuart, and Carla Wulfsberg

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

THANK YOUs

Health Care, Health Issues
• Thank you for being a champion of and voicing your support for extending the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that calls for increased innovation in the program to help streamline access to low-cost health insurance coverage for children and families. (Press release 9/7/17 – Cantwell)

• Thank you for continuing to protect the ACA.

Protecting Our Democracy/ Protecting Young Immigrants, LGBTQ
• Thank you for sending a letter with Senator Murray, Rep. Pramila Jayapal, and others urging the President to reconsider his decision and make sure that Dreamers’ application information is not provided to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Press release 9/5/17 – Murray)

• Thank you for your statement in Walla Walla about making sure that young immigrants will have the certainty that they will continue to be here in the US and to serve in the US military. (Union Bulletin, Sept. 7, 2017)

• Thank you for speaking out with Senator Murray and Representative Pramila Jayapal condemning President Trump’s directive to the Pentagon to cease recruiting transgender people into the military. (Seattle Patch, 8/26/17)
• Thank you for your public concern about the Sinclair-Tribune Merger. Sinclair Broadcasting, a heavily right-wing leaning media company, has been working to acquire Tribune Media in order to expand its reach into households across the country. Trump Administration FCC Chairman (Ajit Pai) is allowing Sinclair to count just half of its UHF stations against the national limit, expanding its reach into 72% of US households. (OI Research Report 9/9/17)

Protecting & Restoring Our Environment
• Thank you for writing letters in support of funding to the Colville Confederated Tribes to reforest areas devastated by the 2015 wildfire season. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will provide $3.9 million. (The Star, 9/6/17)

• Thank you for joining with Senator Murray and a bipartisan group of senators to urging Senate leaders Mitch McConnell and Charles Schumer to include a wildfire funding fix in any future disaster aid legislation that passes through Congress. (Press release 9/8/17 – Murray)

• Thank you for writing an urgent letter with Senator Murray and others to the heads of the NOAA and the US Army Corps of Engineers to press the two agencies to take quick and decisive action to mitigate the impacts of hundreds of thousands of escaped farmed Atlantic salmon in Washington state waters. These Atlantic salmon pose a threat to native Pacific wild salmon. (Press release Aug 30, 2017 – Murray)

Infrastructure/ Jobs / Veterans
• Thank you for speaking out on the Senate floor on the World Trade Organization’s decision upholding Washington state’s extension of the aerospace tax incentives in 2013. We agree that we need an aerospace market that is truly competitive and not distorted by illegal subsidies. (Press Release 9/5/17 – Cantwell)

• Thank you for working on bipartisan legislation with Senator Cory Garner (R-Colo) to give firefighters access to state-of-the-art technology to assist in firefighting around the country. (Press release 9/3/17 – Cantwell)
• Thank you for co-sponsoring the bill to modernize and strengthen education benefits for Washington state veterans, Reservists, and their families. By removing the arbitrary time limits, our vets can get the valuable skills training and education they need. The bill must be signed by the President.

• Thank you for working with Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler on legislation to strengthening Washington’s crab fishery that is now on the president’s desk for signature into law. The bill permanently extends a decades-long fishery management agreement among Washington, Oregon, and California to cooperatively manage the West Coast crab fishing in federal waters.

• Thank you and Senator Murray for securing grant funding for state projects of national or regional significance that increase safety and reduce congestion. The Port of Moses Lake received $9.9 million> Other areas received grants for affordable housing, Meals on Wheels, community block grants, etc. Skagit County, the City of Bellingham, the City of Marysville, Clark County and Spokane County are all recipients of millions of dollars worth of grants. (Press release 9/7/17 – Murray)

**ASKS**

**Health Care**

• Please continue your hard work to help stabilize the health insurance market and to get agreement from Republicans in the narrow window of time for insurers participating in the exchange to sign contracts for the coming year. (OI Research Report 9/9/17)

• Please don’t let President Trump cut federal funds that help people sign up for health coverage under the ACA. They are cutting grants to grass-roots groups that assist with ACA enrollment by 41%. (OI Research Report 9/9/17)

• Please work to defeat the Graham-Cassidy bill – another version of Trumpcare that destroys Medicaid. The bill has a deadline of September 30 (Indivisible Guide 9/11/17).

**Protecting Our Democracy:**

1) **Protecting Young Immigrants**

• Please continue to defend DACA and to co-sponsor S. 1615.

2) **Protecting the Mueller Investigation**
• Please ensure that Mueller’s investigation is protected from any attempt by the Administration to stall the investigation and to support S. 1735 (Special Counsel Independence Protection Act) and S. 1741 (Special Counsel Integrity Act.)

3) Border Wall
- Please refuse to support any funding of Trump’s border wall and to block any funding bill that finances any further prototypes and prototype construction. Congress has appropriated $20 million in the current budget for the prototypes.

4) Please continue to speak out against Trump’s warmongering – we do not want a war with North Korea. Please support the U.S. State Department to oppose any spending cuts to the US State Department, and to encourage this Administration, especially the State Department, to resolve this matter through diplomacy.

Environment
• As it now stands, we still have serious concerns about S.1460, the Energy and Natural Resources Act of 2017. We understand that it invests in marine energy, in geothermal technology, and ARPA-E promoting solar, batteries, smart grid projects, and funding for science on clean energy technology. We understand that it has many conservation components. But we also know that it expands the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, promotes fossil fuel extraction, and does not support with strong initiatives renewables such as wind and solar. The renewable energy included is related to hydroelectric which has problems associated with dams, habitat loss, and disrupting fish migration. If we are to combat climate change, we must not lock in our dependence on fossil fuel which is exacerbating climate change. (OI Research Report July 29, 2017)

Budget
• Please stop the Republican tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy so that Medicare and other social programs can be saved.

Schedule next meeting.

Take Photo.