

Senator Murray's Tacoma Office

950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 615

March 30, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with
Kierra Phifer, South Sound Director

Olympia Indivisible Members attending:

Ann Alvord, Polly Taylor, Josey Young, and Carla Wulfsberg, moderator

AGENDA:

1. Introduction of Olympia Indivisible delegation
2. Kierra Phifer introduction.
3. Updates about Olympia Indivisible
 - As of this week, 347members,
 - Planning general membership event with Representative Heck on Wednesday, April 19

THANK YOUs ~

Environment:

4. **THANK YOU** – for making a public statement, signing, and sending a letter to President Trump on March 28 about your concerns for his recent Energy Independence Executive Order which “will harm the economy in our Western states” and negatively effect job opportunities, public health, our natural places, and make our country less secure.

Budget

5. **THANK YOU**– for making a public statement against the “massive and immediate cuts to education, health care, medical research, and other middle class and worker priorities.” And for telling Republicans in Congress that they need to do “the right thing and ignore this absurd demand from President Trump to renege on our bipartisan agreement... and they need to work with us on a fair and responsible budget for the rest of this year.”

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Protecting Our Democracy

6. **THANK YOU** –for your concern and letter with Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon to the US Attorney General asking for his “assurance that the removal of Mr. Bharara’s –or any other U.S. Attorney— will not obstruct any investigation. . .” of Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price. President Trump fired Preet Bharara, the New York U.S. attorney who was leading a probe. Your concerns are that Representative Chris Collins gave Tom Price a stock tip to invest in an Australian pharmaceutical company – privy to information not available to the general public.(Collins is the company’s largest shareholder and is on its board of directors.)

Health Care:

7. **THANK YOU** – for your effective work protecting the ACA and your continuing support of our health care.

Please continue to be vigilant in protecting our health care.

Our Concerns: The undermining of the ACA has begun –in addition to the budget cuts to health care, the US Dept. of Health and Human Services’ website has posted negative propaganda about the ACA. This needs to be removed (Refer to article printed on March 29, 2017) HHS.gov – give copy to Kierra. **Follow up from Kierra?**

An article in yesterday’s *Olympian*, March 28 speculated that with Tom Price’s contempt of the ACA, he can now work to undermine it by not enforcing the health laws of individual coverage. Young people may drop out. Insurance companies may drop out with fewer participants. (Give copy)

Protecting American Workers

8. **THANK YOU** –for voting NO on HJ 83 “Protecting the Safety of American workers” (it will limit OSHA’s ability to cite employers who violate workplace injury an illness requirement.)(Passed the Senate on 3/22/17)

Protecting our Privacy:

9. **THANK YOU** –Voting NO on S. J. Res. 34- a joint resolution that blocks the FCC from regulating large internet providers in gathering our private information and selling it without our permission. (Now in the House.)

Immigration

10. **THANK YOU** - For making a public statement on March 29 against funding the border wall. “Our caucus has made it very clear to Republicans that we will not include funding for the border wall in the appropriations bill that needs to be approved by April 28.”

ASKS:

Supreme Court Justice Nomination

11. We appreciate that you have already said that you will **NO** on the nomination of Neil Gorsuch for Supreme Court Justice and vote **NO on cloture** for Gorsuch.

We would also ask that the confirmation process be stopped until the FBI concludes its investigation of President Trump's ties to Russia.

Russian Interference Investigation

12. **ASK** to please move forward the Washington Delegation's Protecting Our Democracy Act and to strongly advocate for an independent, bipartisan, commission to investigate Russian interference and to determine what involvement Rump and his associates had with that interference.

[HR 356](#) – **Protecting Our Democracy Act**

[S 27](#) – Bill to establish independent commission to examine and report on the extent of Russian interference.

Protect Small Businesses (repeat from last visit)

13. **ASK** Please vote [NO HJ 66](#) – Keep an eye on this. It has passed the House but there has been no action in the Senate since 2/16. 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.

Protection of the Environment, the Arts, the Humanities

14. **ASK** – Please protect the EPA – Resist all cuts. **Vote NO-** [HR 861](#).

This bill will reduce staff and eliminate dozens of programs.

Please work to build on the momentum of saving the ACA to defeat the upcoming tax reform proposals that will favor the wealthy at the expense of the working poor.

Town Halls or Attending an Olympia Indivisible Meeting

15. April Congressional break Mon. 4/10 – Fri. 4/21

Will the Senator hold a Town Hall?

Would the Senator attend a meeting of Olympia Indivisible?

We will meet with Representative Heck on Wednesday, April 19.

15. THANK YOU for meeting with us.

NEXT MEETING – schedule date

16 PHOTO – we'd like to take a photo with you.