Senator Murray’s Tacoma Office
950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 650
June 27, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.
Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with
Kierra Phifer, South Sound Director

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

Agenda:

1. Introduction of Olympia Indivisible delegation
2. Kierra Phifer, introduction

THANK YOUs

Health Care
• Thank you for your strong opposition to the Senate health care bill, for pushing for full hearings and open debates, for condemning the secrecy used in this process with 13 all-male Republican Working Group behind closed doors to draft the bill. And thank you for leading the Democratic Senators to “hold the Senate floor” to call attention to the Republicans secretive effort to repeal Obamacare. (News Release June 22, 2017)

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 Foreign Emoluments Clause. (News Release 6/20/17)

Environment, Climate Control
• Thank you for making it clear to Sec. or Energy Rick Perry that there is a moral obligation to clean up Hanford and that you are opposed to the budget cuts of $124 million from Richland Operations which has more work to do on several high-risk clean up projects along the Columbia River and Central Plateau of Hanford. You asked Perry to provide a “strong and predictable funding for Hanford and to follow up on 3 critical issues to Washington State: 1- Plans to slash funding for scientific research, 2- Plans to privatize Bonneville Power Administration, 3- Columbia River Treaty. (News Release 6/21/17)
Worker Protection
• Thank you for joining with Senator Warren and other senators calling for a federal investigation into the Labor Department’s rationale to roll back key protections for shipyard and construction workers from exposure to beryllium, a toxic mineral that can cause deadly lung disease. (Reveal, 6/26/17)

• Thank you for re-introducing the Schedules That Work Act – legislation that helps to ensure low-wage employees have more certainty about their work schedule and income. Employees would have the right to request a more flexible or predictable schedule and requires employers in food service, cleaning, and retail occupations with 15 or more workers to provide schedules 2 weeks in advance. (News Release 6/20/17)

Education
• Thank you for sending a letter to Sec. DeVos to requesting clarification on her position regarding the rights of students with disabilities—asking her to confirm that any newly proposed federal voucher program will ensure that all schools, public and private, will be required to provide the full protections guaranteed to students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) [News Release June 23, 2017]

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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