Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Mike Ashford, Glen Hubbard, Karen Lichtenstein, and Carla Wulfsberg

Agenda:

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

THANK YOUs

Environment, Climate Control

• Thank you for joining with 39 other Senate Democrats to urge Pres. Trump, in advance of the G-7 Meeting, not to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement. [Press release June 12, 2017]

• Thank you for joining with Senator Cantwell 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]

Health Care

• Thank you for your news release of June 8 condemning Pres. Trump for “repeatedly undermining health care with no regard to what it means to families in WA state or anywhere else in the country. “ [News Release June 8, 2017]

Russian Investigation

• Thank you for strongly supporting democratic accountability and the transparent investigation of Russia’s interference “to follow the facts wherever they may lead. Nothing less is acceptable.” [Tweet by Senator Murray]
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]

Budget
• Thank you for joining with Senator Cantwell 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.

ASKS

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]

Health Care
• Please continue your opposition to TrumpCare and defend the ACA. We need you to speak out on the Senate floor against the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.
[OI Call to Action June 11, 2017]
Privatization of Government Functions

Oppose Trump’s Billionaire infrastructure scams:
• Privatization of public assets and government functions such as the Air Traffic Control. No bill has been proposed in this session, however.
• Trump tolls – lifting a federal ban that prevents tolling on existing lanes of interstate highways.

Where does Senator Murray stand? Has she made a public statement? We know she signed a letter on May 15 urging regulatory reforms for the FAA.

Schedule next meeting.

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