Senator Murray’s Tacoma Office  
950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 650  
July 12, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.  
Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with  
Kierra Phifer, South Sound Director

Olympia Indivisible Members attending:  Tom Dyer, Jen Merrill, Jim Rainwood, 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 withholding consent on unrelated legislation “invoking the two hour rule” to limit committee hearings, grinding the body to a halt. (VOX June 29, 2017)

• Thank you for releasing a joint report with Senator Ron Wyden outlining the consequences of how devastating Trumpcare would be for people seeking treatment for substance abuse disorders, including opioid use disorders. And for speaking out against the cuts to Medicaid that would include massive cuts to schools and districts causing much pain to students and families. (News Release June 29, 2017)

• Thank you for leading the Democrats to the Senate floor to share stories from their constituents and urging advocates and families to keep making their voices heard in opposition. (News Release July 11, 2017),

Protecting Our Democracy
• Thank you joining with 13 other Senators to introduce the first-ever Senate Resolution recognizing June as LGBTQ Pride Month, and for making statements to recognize Pride Month. 50% of LGBTQ Americans are living in states without state non-discrimination laws. (News Release June 28, 2017)
• Thank you for joining 25 colleagues demanding the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity rescind its request that state election officials provide sensitive voter roll data that would threaten the privacy of millions of Americans. (News Release, June 30, 2017)

Environment, Climate Control
• Thank you for your hard work with Senator Cantwell and former Congressman Doc Hastings to complete the transfer of unused land from the Department of Energy at the Hanford site that will include land for a potential solar project. A French company, Neon, plans to build the state’s largest utility solar power operation near Richland. (Tri-City Herald June 28, 2017)

• Thank you asking Defense Secretary James Mattis to work with you and to provide quarterly updates on the steps to remove ground water contamination near the Tri-Cities. (Video)

• Thank you for joining with Senator Cantwell to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Ballard Locks with remarks for the Senate Record recognizing the historical and environmental significance of the locks and their role in the Puget Sound economy. (News Release June 30, 2017)

Education
• Thank you for leading the effort to write a letter with 30 other Senators to Sec. DeVos that criticized her scaling back civil rights enforcement at the Department of Education. [Pacific Standard, June 28, 2017]

• Thank you for speaking out against the Trump Administration’s proposed reduction for National Institute of Health which you said would have “severe consequences” for thousands of research scientists and would force university to “dramatically scale back” efforts for medical cures. Jobs would go away. (Detroit News, July 11, 2017)

Infrastructure
• Thank you for joining with Senator Cantwell and Representative Dave Reichert Warren to introduce bipartisan legislation to reform the outdated Harbor Maintenance Trust fund (HMFT). This Reform Act would make sure all of the money collected through the Harbor Maintenance Tax each year would be returned to ports to improve their infrastructure and to keep competitive. (News Release June 29, 2017)
ASKS

Health Care
• Please continue your vocal opposition to TrumpCare in the Senate
• Continue to resist by withholding consent on senate business.

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.

• Please support S.1127, the Justice Safety Valve Act. Prosecutors and judges should use their own discretion to consider each case. (OI Research Report, 7/3/17)

• Please reject the nomination of Joseph Otting to run the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCCC), an independent agency within the Treasury Department that supervises the daily operation of banking units of major financial firms, including Wall Street giants. If confirmed, Otting will play a central role in easing rules in the Dodd Frank Act of 2010. Otting was the chief executive officer in OneWest from 2010 to 2015, which was regulated by the OCC. This appointment would be a reversal in roles for Otting whose company used illegal tactics to foreclose mortgages. [OI Research Report, July 3, 2017]

• Please vote against the potential appointment of John K. Bush to the US Court of Appeals. Bush has extreme ideology and we are concerned about the quality of his decisions. [OI Research Report, July 3, 2017]

• Please continue your fight against huge budget cuts to the Department of Education.

• Please sponsor legislation that will require the US government to continue to impose sanctions against Sudan, to require Sudan to focus on promoting fundamental human rights and religious freedom, stop financial corruption, and restore peace at its borders. [OI Research Report, July 3, 2017]

PLEASE HOLD TOWN HALLS DURING THE AUGUST RECESS. We need to talk with you. Senator Cantwell held 3 town halls in July!

Schedule next meeting. Take Photo.