Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Dave Cannerela, Zane and Ann Smith, and Carla Wulfsberg

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

THANK YOUS

Health Care, Health Issues
• Thank you for your strong opposition to the Senate health care bill, for leading fight to energize citizens to let their voices be heard;
• And for leading a Senate Democrats press conference with families of medically complex children to underscore the life-threatening effects of the Cruz Amendment. (Press Release July 12, 2017)

• Thank you for securing funding in the Fiscal Year 2018 Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill to address ongoing concerns about working in or near the tank farms at Hanford with exposure to chemical vapors. (NBC Right Now July 24, 2017)

• Thank you for writing a letter to the Secretary Tom Price (Dept of Health and Human Services) with Senator Cantwell and 34 Senate Democrats questioning plans to slash funding for the prevention of Teen pregnancy. (News Release July 221, 2017)

• Thank you for writing a letter with other Senate Democrats to Richard Baum, Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy raised concern over Republican attempts to cut Medicaid funding which pays for substance abuse treatment. These proposed cuts are to the substance abuse programs in the Dept. of Health and Human Services. The senators demanded immediate action to provide relief. (The Spokesman Review July 19, 2017)
• And, Thank you for introducing a bill with funding of $920 million to increase funding to reduce opioid use disorders and overdose.

Education/ LGBTQ /Civil Rights
• Thank you for demanding the firing of Candice Johnson, acting head of the Dept. of Education’s’ Office for Civil Rights. Johnson’s remarks do not reflect the seriousness of campus rapes. Such comments clearly indicate she is unqualified for the position. (Time.com July 17, 2017)

• Thank you for joining with 34 Senate Democrat to sponsor the Senate version of the LGBT Data Inclusion Act to ensure that policy makers and community leaders take into account a marginalized population for everyday policy decision making. (South Florida Gay News July 18, 2017)

• Thank you for your letter with four Senate Democrats to Steve Mnuchin, Treasury Secretary encouraging the Department to demonstrate a commitment to the myRA program that provides a starter retirement savings account for individuals who are otherwise unable to save – not covered by an employer-sponsored program, etc. Earlier this year it was signed into law the reversal of two rules which eliminates savings programs - your letter disagreed with this. (Congress Letter July 14, 2017)

Protecting Our Democracy-/ Immigrants
• Thank you for sending a letter with Senator Cantwell and other Senate Democrats to the Appropriations Committee outlining your opposition to the funding of a border wall and new funding for the Dept of Homeland Security for “deportation forces and “ increase detention beds.”

• Thank you for your serious questioning of Trump’s nominees to the National Labor Relations Board that oversee labor dispute cases. These two individuals, Marvin Kaplan and William Emanuel, have shown clear anti-union biases in the past in their work with companies that maintain unfair rules interfering with employee’s rights to form or join a union, bargain collectively, etc. (The Daily Caller July 13, 2017)

• Thank you for joining with Senator Cantwell and 22 Senators to send a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly citing concerns about the impact of Trump’s interior enforcement executive order on immigrant survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other
crimes that erode longstanding protections. Your letter asks the Department to clarify by July 31, 2017 what policies CBP and ICE rely on when enforcing immigration laws.

(Maria Cantwell News Release 7/18/17)

Protecting Our Environment

- Thank you for your efforts with Senator Cantwell to protect the Handford Reach. On July 31, the Dept of the Interior, Secretary Zinke, agreed that the protection of the Handford Reach National Monument (195,000 acres) should not be changed. And for taking it one step further by saying none of the national monuments should be attacked. (The Hill July 31, 2017)

- Thank you for your letter with Senator Cantwell and other Senate Democrats to Rex Tilerson, James Mattis, and Rick Perry urging them to conduct the Nuclear Posture Review with broad interagency input to produce a publicly-available document to our nation’s commitment to eventually eliminate nuclear weapons. (Letter July 19, 2017)

- Thank you for adding $196 million to the budget Trump had proposed for the nuclear reservation. This will increase the Hanford budget to nearly $2.5 billion for next fiscal year if cyber security is included. The budget restored funding to scientific research, jobs, and Hanford cleanup. (Tri-City Herald July 20, 2017)

Infrastructure

- Thank you for making sure the funding came through for Snohomish County airport for building a new stormwater detention pond, move a taxiway, and enhance an aircraft parking area with a grant of $12 from the Fed. Aviation Admin. (Herald Net July 25, 2017)

ASKS

Health Care

- Please continue your hard work to provide affordable and quality health care to the American people.
- Please help to ensure funding for teen pregnancy prevention programs.
- Please demand Congress fund the fight against the opioid crisis.

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.
• Federal Courts: We are concerned about the packing of Federal Courts with unqualified conservative judges. As of mid-July, Trump has nominated 27 judges for Federal District Court positions and 9 for Federal Appeals Court positions. Most are young with an average age of 48. We are concerned that the combination of Republican stall tactics and elimination of procedural safeguards will result in an unprecedented number of highly conservative Federal Court appointments, affecting the future of our Federal Courts for years to come. (OI Call to Action July 30, 2017)

• Please protect the Johnson Amendment and keep religious organizations out of politics.

Environment
• Please vote against S.1460, the Energy and Natural Resources Act of 2017 of which Senator Cantwell is a sponsor. This bill expands the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, promotes fossil fuel extraction and does not responsibly support renewables, thereby exacerbating climate change. Renewable energy is directed to hydroelectric which has problems associated with dams, habitat loss, and disrupting fish migration. Wind and solar are not included as initiatives.

• (OI Research Report July 29, 2017)

• Please defend DACA and support the Durbin-Graham DREAM Act (S.720)

• Please stop the criminalization of boycotts: Israel Anti-boycott Act (S. 720.) to amend existing international business laws to make it a felony for Americans to support the UN resolution or to cooperate with any other international efforts to boycott Israel. While the Israel-Palestine conflict is an ongoing, complicated matter, this bill goes a step too far and criminalizes the ability of an American to protest.

• PLEASE HOLD TOWN HALLS DURING THE AUGUST RECESS. We need to talk with you.

Schedule next meeting. Take Photo.