Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Jean Garwood, Rosalie Romano, Mari Stuart, and Carla Wulfsberg

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

THANK YOUs

Health Care, Health Issues
- Thank you for your tireless work to solve problems and find long-term solutions to protect the ACA, which has been undermined by withholding cost-cutting payments to insurance companies that reduced out-of-pocket costs for low-income people. (The Washington Post, 9/6/17)

- Thank you for your work on the Appropriations Committee and for issuing a statement on the passage of legislation of FY 2018 Senate Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bill that instructs the Trump Administration to fund and administer the Title X family planning program and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program as they were in FY 2017 under the Obama Administration. (Press release 9/7/17)

Education/ Civil Rights
- Thank you for your work developing and helping to get a Senate appropriations package approved that would restore Pell Grant eligibility for defrauded borrowers and other boosts to financial aid and college-readiness programs. This package will give students a second change. (Inside Higher Ed, 9/11/17)

- Thank you for drawing attention to Sec. De Vos’s failures to support public education and her lack of commitment to protect the safety and civil rights of students. Her mock “report card” clearly explained her failures. (Aug. 31 – Murray email)
• Thank you for issuing a strong statement to the President in response to his comments on the Charotesville violence. You said, “There is only one side. White supremacists, KKK, neo-Nazis & hate groups have no place in our country.” (Press release 8/15/17 – Murray)

**Protecting Our Democracy-Protecting Young Immigrants, LGBTQ**
• Thank you for your statement to Republican colleagues in Congress asking them to join you to reverse the President’s “shameful decision” to deport young immigrants, DREAMers. (Press release 9/5/17 – Murray)

• Thank you for sending a letter with Senator Cantwell, Rep. Pramila Jayapal, and others urging the President to reconsider his decision and make sure that Dreamers’ application information is not provided to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Press release 9/5/17 – Murray)

• Thank you for speaking out with Senator Cantwell and Representative Pramila Jayapal condemning President Trump’s directive to the Pentagon to cease recruiting transgender people into the military. (Seattle Patch, 8/26/17)

• Thank you for your public concern about the Sinclair-Tribune Merger. Sinclair Broadcasting, a heavily right-wing leaning media company has been working to acquire Tribune Media in order to expand its reach into households across the country. Trump Administration FCC Chairman (Ajit Pai) is allowing Sinclair to count just half of its UHF stations against the national limit expanding its reach into 72% of US households. (OI Research Report 9/9/17)

**Protecting & Restoring Our Environment**
• Thank you for your work on the Senate Appropriations Committee to pass a $51 billion spending bill for the State Department and foreign operations, which included an amendment for $10 million to continue funding the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change that oversee the Paris Climate agreement - despite the President's decision to stop funding it. (Reuters 9/8/17)

• Thank you for joining with Senator Cantwell and a bipartisan group of senators to urging Senate leaders Mitch McConnell and Charles Schumer to include a wildfire funding fix in any future disaster aid legislation that passes through Congress. (Press release 9/8/17 – Murray)
• Thank you for writing an urgent letter with Senator Cantwell and others to the heads of the NOAA and the US Army Corps of Engineers to press the two agencies to take quick and decisive action to mitigate the impacts of hundreds of thousands of escaped farmed Atlantic salmon in Washington state waters. These Atlantic salmon pose a threat to native Pacific wild salmon. (Press release Aug 30, 2017 – Murray)

**ASKS**

**Health Care**

• Please continue your hard work to help stabilize the individual health insurance market and preserve the ACA. We appreciate your hard work holding hearings with governors and experts and putting forth ideas by Democrats to stabilize markets and lower costs for patients and families. We recognize your effort to find common ground with Republicans. We ask that you please continue. (Press release 9/7/17-Murray)

• Please don’t let President Trump cut federal funds that help people sign up for health coverage under the ACA. They are cutting grants to grassroots groups that assist with ACA enrollment by 41%.

**Protecting Our Democracy**

1) Protecting Young Immigrants

• Please continue to defend DACA and to co-sponsor S. 1615.

2) Protecting the Mueller investigation

• Please ensure that Mueller’s investigation is protected from any attempt by the Administration to stall the investigation and to support S. 1735 (Special Counsel Independence Protection Act) and S. 1741 (Special Counsel Integrity Act.)

3) Border Wall

• Please refuse to support any funding of Trump’s border wall and to block any funding bill that finances any further prototypes and prototype construction. Congress has appropriated $20 million in the current budget for the prototypes.

4) Please continue to speak out against Trump’s warmongering – we do not want a war with North Korea. Please support the U.S. State Department to oppose any spending cuts to the US State Department, and to encourage this Administration, especially the State Department, to resolve this matter through diplomacy.
Environment
• As it now stands, we still have serious concerns about S.1460, the Energy and Natural Resources Act of 2017. We understand that it invests in marine energy, in geothermal technology, and ARPA-E promoting solar, batteries, smart grid projects, and funding for science on clean energy technology. We understand that it has many conservation components. But we also know that it expands the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, promotes fossil fuel extraction, and does not support with strong initiatives renewables such as wind and solar. The renewable energy included is related to hydroelectric which has problems associated with dams, habitat loss, and disrupting fish migration. If we are to combat climate change, we must not lock in our dependence on fossil fuel which is exacerbating climate change. (OI Research Report July 29, 2017)

Budget
• Please stop the Republican tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy in order to save Medicare and other social programs.

Schedule next meeting.

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