Olympia Indivisible Members attending: Karen Lichtenstein, Dawn Plourde, Raphael Venegas, Carla Wulfsberg

AGENDA:

1. Introduction of Olympia Indivisible delegation
2. Kierra Phifer introduction.
3. Updates about Olympia Indivisible
   - As of this week, 357 members,
   - Held general membership event with Representative Heck on Wednesday, April 19
4. We hoped Senator Murray might hold a town hall during the April recess. We still would like to attend her town hall and encourage her to hold one after Memorial Day in May.

THANK YOUS

5. TRUMP’S TAX RETURNS
Thank you for your persistence to encourage Americans to demand President Trump’s tax returns. We hope you will do more with whatever powers you have to allow us to see his tax returns. We need to know how his policies might be influenced because of his desire to profit his businesses.

6. MINIMUM WAGE
Thank you for your efforts -past and present -to increase the minimum wage. We learned you have joined Senator Bernie Sanders, Representative Keith Ellison and others to introduce a bill on Wednesday that would raise the federal minimum wage to $15 an hour by the year 2024. What are the chances of amending this bill making it go into effect sooner than 7 years from now?

THANK YOUS, cont.
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7. PROTECTING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
Thank you for challenging President Trump’s cuts to scientific research, including research funding for the University of Washington and Washington State University. In his budget, Trump has proposed an 18 percent cut to National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding, one of the largest sources of research money for the UW. We stand behind your efforts to protect budget cuts to scientific research.

8. FEDERAL DRUG ADMINISTRATION
Thank you for your request for Scott Gottlieb, Trump’s pick to head the FDA, to recuse himself for two years from any matters at the FDA related to companies in which New Enterprise Associates is an investor. We applaud your concerns about Gottlieb’s ability to be impartial. (Gottlieb has promised to recuse himself for one year from FDA matters that directly impacts the companies he’s tied to, and divest his financial interests.)

ASKS

9. FIVE-MONTH BUDGET

ASK: You are quoted as saying, “We are not going to accept border wall money. We’re just not.” Please, stand firm and do not allow the 5-month budget to include money for Trump’s ridiculous un-American border wall, cuts to ACA subsidies, or defunding Planned Parenthood. We believe strongly that it is better to shut down the federal government for a few days than to compromise. We are standing firmly behind your efforts to not compromise on these issues – let the federal government shut down. Will you refuse to compromise and allow the federal government to shut down?

10. AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

ASK: Please co-sponsor and vote YES on Senate Bill 771 – Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs Act. This Act has provisions for transparency, access and affordability, innovation, choice and competition. We believe that Americans should have access to more affordable prescription drugs. The bill has been referred to the Finance Committee. Where does the Senator stand on this bill?
11. IMMIGRATION

ASK: Raids on immigrants are on the increase. ICE agents are terrifying people. What can the Senator do to prevent this aggressive behavior, particularly to the DACA young people, the DREAMERS?

12. ENVIRONMENT

ASK: We are very concerned about Trump’s directives to the ‘EPA to begin dismantling the Clean Air Act. We ask that you do everything in your power to stop Scott Pruitt and protect the existing Clean Air Act. Our members are contacting the EPA with comments in opposition of any revisions or repeals through May 15.

13. SCIENCE-BASED LAWMAKING

ASK: Last Saturday, 5,000 people marched for Science in Olympia. Members of Olympia Indivisible were among them. Please use the momentum of this world-wide march for science to bring to the attention of Senators that the Constitution gives Congress the power in Article 1, Section 8 to “promote the progress of science.” Will you encourage Congress to use its power to promote the progress of science, especially as the foundation for making new laws?

14. RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE

ASK: We think an independent investigation of the Russian interference in the 2016 elections is the most impartial and valuable way to uncover the truth. We want you to ask for an independent investigation to reduce the potential of partisanship in the investigation.

15. Thank you for meeting with us. When can we meet with you again?

16. May we take a photo of you with our group?