Senator Murray’s Tacoma Office
950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 650 – 6th floor

March 15, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.
Olympia Indivisible Delegation Visit with
Kierra Phifer, South Sound Director,

O.I. Members attending: Mary Moreno, Rita Sharangpani, Jane Stone, and Carla Wulfsberg, moderator

AGENDA:

1. Introduction of Olympia Indivisible delegation

2. Kierra Phifer introduction.

3. Updates about Olympia Indivisible
   ▪ As of this week, 320 members,
   ▪ Established a 7-member steering committee
   ▪ 5 working groups with more coming onboard soon
   ▪ Question from Olympia Indivisible members about what form of communication is most effective – telephone calls or emails or tweets?

THANK YOU ~
Health Care
4. THANK YOU – for defending the ACA and working to protect Planned Parenthood Services for 88,000 people in Washington State

Education:
5. THANK YOU – for voting No on the confirmation of Seema Verma for the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service. Verma was confirmed 55 yeas to 43 nays.
   For defending public education.

   ▪ Speaking out for ESSA (Education Students Succeeds Act). Senate voted to weaken civil rights protections in public schools. Took away part of ESSA’s accountability rules put in place by President Obama.
   ▪ For voting NO to HJR 57 – DeVos anti school agenda. This joint resolution nullifies the rule finalized by the Department of Education on November 29, 2016, relating to accountability and state plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
Environment
6. THANK YOU – for efforts to continue funding for Puget Sound restoration.

Veterans & Immigration & Hate Crimes
7. THANK YOU - for your continued support of the Military and Caregiver Service Improvement Act. Our vets deserve our support.
   ▪ For co-sponsoring bill to reverse Trump’s new executive order against travel from six Muslim-majority countries and for joining Senators urging the Trump administration to take action on anonymous bomb threats to Jewish institutions to combat rising number of hate crimes.

FOLLOW UP FROM MARCH 1 MEETING:

8. Follow-up from March 1: **HJ 66** – This would free banks from former requirements to help employers set up IRAs or savings plans for their employees. Americans’ retirement savings are at risk. (Passed the House on 2/5.)
   **Where does the senator stand on this?** (There does not appear to be any action yet in the Senate.)
   **We asked that the Senator vote NO.**

9. Follow up from March 1: **S 128 – the BRIDGE ACT**  Your email of March 2 said you had some information. This bill would protect immigrant children from immediate deportation. Allow DACA to remain in US for 3 years..
   [1/12/17 it was referred to Committee on the Judiciary]
   **We asked the Senator to support S 128.**

10. Follow up from March 1: **Help with clarification on ICE policies.**
    Current guidelines exempt from removal those protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The Administration gives us falsehoods about immigrants and refugees.
    Ref. Continuing detention of Daniel Ramiez Medina, a DREAMER.
ASKS:

Health Care:
11. ASK – Please continue to oppose the repeal of ACA.
   *We have asked Olympia Indivisible members to go to your website to give personal stories.*

Environment & Worker Safety:
12. ASK – Please protect the EPA – Resist all cuts. Vote **NO- HR 861**.
   This bill will reduce staff and eliminate dozens of programs.

3. ASK – **Thank you for opposing HR 998, the SCRUB Act** – Please continue to oppose SCRUB Act – it passed the House, now in Senate. Undermines public health and safety with regulatory rollbacks. This would create an unelected board to make recommendations to Congress on cutting regulations. Gift to big business and puts lobbyists in the driver’s seat – end of regulations essential to protect our environment, health & workplace safety. SCRUB would dismantle vital protections for our workforce, our environment, and our health.

4. ASK – **Vote No on HJ 83** – Protect the safety of American workers. This bill would limit OSHA’s ability to cite employers who violate workplace injury and illness requirements. (Received in Senate 3/02)

Guns:
15. ASK – Vote No on **HR 1181** – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act
   Olympia Indivisible members have been analyzing this bill which will give mentally incompetent veterans the ability to purchase fire arms. If someone cannot handle money, they should not be allowed to purchase a gun. We think the potential is for someone who is unable to purchase a firearm to ask a mentally incompetent veteran to do it for them.

16. April Congressional break Mon. 4/10 – Fri. 4/21
   Will the Senator hold a Town Hall? Olympia Indivisible members would eagerly attend. If the Senator holds a town hall, we would not expect her to also attend a meeting of Olympia Indivisible. However, we have the room reserved for seven evenings.
17. THANK YOU for meeting with us.
   NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, March 29?

18 PHOTO – we’d like to take a photo with you.