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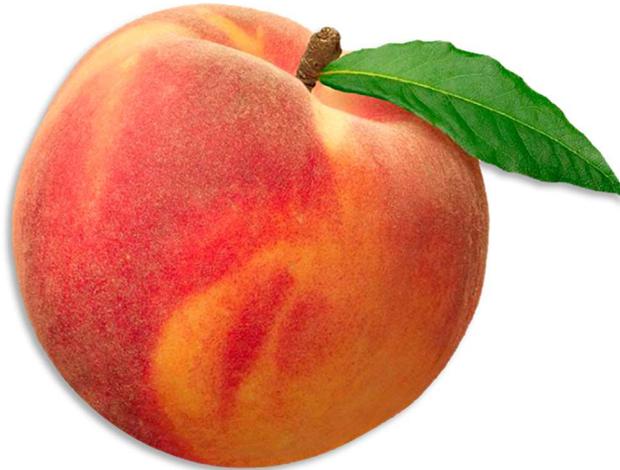
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Our Representative:

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## Get out the Vote

Friends of WA: <https://www.friendsofWashington.org/new-page> aim to **flip districts**

– CD 45 with Manka Dhingra and CD 31 with Michelle Rylands

Patty Murray wants us to support **Jon Ossoff, GA**: <https://www.pattymurray.com/act/make-calls-for-jon-ossoff>

Swing Left promotes us having **house parties**: <https://swingleft.org/special-election-house-parties>

## News

### **independent commission**

The special counsel only looks into criminal activity. We need an **independent commission**.

Watergate had 133 staffers. This one has 9. We need a detailed report. Senator Cantwell has not co-sponsored this bill.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/27/cosponsors>

## **Constitutional Convention**

Wisconsin would become the 30th of 34 states needed to force a convention if the resolution passes both the Assembly and Senate. They vote next week. Supporters want to amend the country's guiding document to require a balanced federal budget, or to fight Citizen's United. Critics fear a convention could lead to wild constitutional revisions.

From US News: [goo.gl/lkJDdT](https://www.usnews.com/story/politics/2017/04/25/wisconsin-constitution-convention) The movement towards the 28<sup>th</sup> amendment: [goo.gl/dScnW9](https://www.usnews.com/story/politics/2017/04/25/wisconsin-constitution-convention)

## **Trumpileaks**

Michael Moore has launched Trumpileaks, to enable courageous whistleblowers to privately communicate with him:

<https://michaelmoore.com/TrumpiLeaks/> More: [goo.gl/7Kkb42](https://www.goo.gl/7Kkb42)

## **Terminating the EPA**

H.R.861 - To terminate the Environmental Protection Agency passed to the Subcommittee on Environment on 4/25/17

Congress page: [goo.gl/62g2OK](https://www.goo.gl/62g2OK)

## **DeVos & Murray**

When we visited Senator Murray's office on Tuesday, her staffer Chelsea highlighted Murray's challenge to DeVos about Title 1 funding:

"based on numbers that don't exist... we can't play math with this. This is real world" From Q13 video: [goo.gl/ViFvwj](https://www.goo.gl/ViFvwj)

## **Health care**

### **The Trumpcare Toolkit**

<https://www.trumpcaretoolkit.org/>

– it enables you to call targeted Senators or tweet or post to them on Facebook.

### **Requests for feedback about healthcare:**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: email [press@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:press@cms.hhs.gov) More info: [goo.gl/UXhkUF](https://www.goo.gl/UXhkUF)

The White House: [goo.gl/ToQ7bg](https://www.goo.gl/ToQ7bg)

Topher Spiro recommends emailing this email: [HealthReform@Finance.Senate.gov](mailto:HealthReform@Finance.Senate.gov)

### **Kirkland Kenmore healthcare stories**

From the group: "This week, Indivisible Kirkland Kenmore delivered the first batch of healthcare stories to Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell! We intentionally caught them during the week-long holiday recess, to give them an additional tool to use when they go back to D.C. and are faced with the Trumpcare Senate bill. The Senators' staffers confirmed that these stories will be incredibly useful in their fight to save and improve the Affordable Care Act."

### **Murray again blocks drug reimportation**

"we have drugs that cost \$1,000 a pill here in America that sell for \$4 in India, for instance."

From Rolling Stone: [goo.gl/BdHvhg](https://www.goo.gl/BdHvhg)

### **WA counties without coverage**

2 counties in WA will be left without health care in '18 unless another company steps in. Inslee says that Insurance Commissioner Kreidler will solve it: [goo.gl/1upM8B](https://www.goo.gl/1upM8B) Contact Kreidler: [goo.gl/8OaXXV](https://www.goo.gl/8OaXXV) News from CNN: [goo.gl/ydAVdu](https://www.goo.gl/ydAVdu)

### **NY Governor bans insurers from offering poor care**

"Governor Andrew M. Cuomo directed the New York State Department of Financial Services to promulgate new emergency regulations mandating health insurance providers do not discriminate against New Yorkers with preexisting conditions or based on age or gender, in addition to safeguarding the 10 categories of protections guaranteed by the Affordable Care Act." From the Governor's site: [goo.gl/m64cr4](https://www.goo.gl/m64cr4)

### **Nevada approves Medicaid for all**

The Nevada legislature approved a bill Friday that would let uninsured Nevadans join a Medicaid plan regardless of income level. Canada got national health care province by province. From Vox: [goo.gl/Qm2fL0](https://www.goo.gl/Qm2fL0)

Donate to billboards to shame lawmakers who voted for AHCA: [goo.gl/7BGbul](https://www.goo.gl/7BGbul)

## The Importance of Flipping State districts

### Redistricting

State districts often control redistricting. Republicans can gerrymander districts to reduce Democrat Representatives.

We have lost 1,000 districts.

### Trifectas

The 25 Republican trifecta states produce poor legislation about reproductive rights; LGBTQ; gun rights, etc. Trifectas are states where they control the state House, Senate & Governorship. They have 25. We have 6.

### Policies come from states

They can be labs for policies that go national, and states copy each other.

### Constitutional Convention

It takes 34 states to call a Constitutional Convention. 30 are already. A Convention could affect our rights.

Our target seat is CD 45.

Sites: [goo.gl/rTfGTz](http://goo.gl/rTfGTz) & [www.wa-democrats.org](http://www.wa-democrats.org)

## Events

### **June 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**8:30am Coffee with the Candidate - Matt Tirman, Bainbridge City Council**

@ Marketplace, Lynwood His Facebook event: [goo.gl/b9Smjy](http://goo.gl/b9Smjy)

### **June 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**

**3-5pm Indivisible Eastside Group Meeting**

@ East Shore Unitarian Church 12700 SE 32nd St., Bellevue, WA

Monthly group meeting followed by a social hour.

45th Legislative District Democratic Senate Candidate Manka Dhingra will speak about her plans for Washington's 45th.

In 45<sup>th</sup> LD: the election is coming up fast. It's the most flippable WA district.

- gaining it would give us control in the State Senate.

### **June 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**2pm Seattle, Lead on Climate – Power Past Paris!**

@ Seattle City Council, 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

June 12th, the Seattle City Council will vote on a resolution to affirm the city's commitment to staying in the Paris climate agreement. Please RSVP to: [info@350seattle.org](mailto:info@350seattle.org) Run by 350: [goo.gl/kLNaKf](http://goo.gl/kLNaKf)

### **June 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**

**11:45 Rally, then meet with the Senators' staffers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday ☺**

10:25 Meet on the ferry in the galley. Look out for our pussy hats!

11 We go for coffee in the Exchange Building.

11:45 We rally outside the Federal Building, 915 2nd Ave, Seattle with Seattle Indivisible.

12:30 We go into the Federal Building and meet with Senators' staffers to talk about the issues and what we can do.

### **June 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

**6pm Derek Kilmer's telephone town hall**

To participate, please send an email with your name and phone number to [kilmer.teletownhall@mail.house.gov](mailto:kilmer.teletownhall@mail.house.gov) by 3pm on Tuesday, June 13.

If you sign up before the deadline, you will receive a phone call at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 14 inviting you to participate in the town hall.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday**

**11-3pm Impeachment March**

@ Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St, Seattle, Washington 98109

Demand Congress DO THEIR JOB and remove the President from The WH. Ending at Federal Bldg, 2nd & Madison.

Tentative dates from 4<sup>th</sup> Branch

- June 25 - A talk on single payer healthcare.  
To get it, we would need 330, 000 signatures and \$1m.  
Single payer is when the state pays everyone's medical bills  
– without owning / controlling the medical facilities or controlling the care. They may set the prices.
- August 2 - Tina Podlowski to meet with us in Bremerton.

Contact [dhollyer@gmail.com](mailto:dhollyer@gmail.com) for more information / updates.