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Investigations

Mueller

"Robert S. Mueller III, the special counsel investigating Russia's attempts to disrupt last year's presidential election, has issued subpoenas from a Washington-based grand jury in recent weeks, according to several lawyers involved in the case." <https://goo.gl/HxDskm>.

What is a grand jury and why does Mueller need one? <https://goo.gl/BWaL3Y>.

Stopping Mueller getting fired

There are 2 bipartisan efforts to stop Mueller being fired:

Senators Tillis & Coons are introducing legislation to stop Trump being able to directly fire Trump.
Senators Graham & Booker's legislation "would require the judges panel to review any attorney general's decision to fire a special counsel before that firing could take effect": <https://goo.gl/t68Lz>.
Please contact and encourage them. And tell our senators that it is important to you.
Also, please urge Senator McConnell to take the legislation to the floor for a vote quickly.

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In addition:

To stop Trump firing Sessions and putting in a new AG to fire Mueller,
"the Senate has set up a series pro forma sessions. Essentially, they'll gavel into session every few days -- perhaps even for just minutes at a time -- through Labor Day to keep the lights on."
<https://goo.gl/kPC6VM>

Senator Murkowski was presiding when they made the announcement. Please thank her.
<https://goo.gl/uWAE8v> Sen. Lisa Murkowski (AK) (202) 224-6665

Emoluments

"On October 18, the U.S. District Court in New York will hear oral arguments about whether President Donald Trump's business dealings violate the emoluments clause of the U.S. Constitution...

The emoluments clause prevents presidents from receiving gifts or monetary payments from foreign entities. Trump's global business empire, which he has not fully divested from, has made many Americans wonder if he has violated this constitutional clause." goo.gl/CAJCEv.

Disinformation

Hamilton 68 is a new tool to track Russian disinformation on Twitter: <http://www.gmfus.org/>.

Without enough republicans agreeing to move forward with impeachment, the process cannot move forward.

Healthcare Bill

**REMEMBER THIS
THE NEXT TIME A
POLITICIAN SAYS
THEY SUPPORT
GOOD JOBS:**

**1.45 MILLION
jobs would be destroyed under the
Republican health care bill.**

#JobsReport Source: CommonwealthFund.org

AFL-CIO

What's next?

The **House** are working on maintaining the Cost Sharing Reductions, therefore stability for the rates of the poor.

"In the House of Representatives, a bipartisan group of 40 lawmakers are floating a plan to ... subsidize the poorest Americans who are on Obamacare."

The **Senate** will start work on plans for 2018 on September 4th.

"I hope to get a consensus on how to stabilize the individual market, get premiums down, keep insurance companies in the individual market so people can buy affordable insurance during the year 2018," Sen. Lamar Alexander, the Republican chair of the health committee,

From Rolling Stone.

Senator Murray is Ranking member on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions. Ranking member means the second most senior. She is still encouraging people to email her detailed stories about how Obamacare or the lack of it has personally affected people. Stories about Opioids are particularly valuable so that she can use them to emphasize legislation that she pushes for.

Please tell her your healthcare story and encourage her work - particularly with the opioid crisis.

Medicaid is a big part of the wrap around care needed to help people.

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President Trump has declared an opioid crisis

President Trump has now declared the opioid crisis a national emergency.

"Such a declaration (will) free up resources and allow the President to empower federal agencies to push Congress for funding to fight addiction, remove barriers to treatment, expand treatment facilities and supply cops with anti-overdose drugs." <https://goo.gl/s5ippt>

On the web site

Give health stories for senators to use in their speeches in Congress; & other health care actions.

Get out the Vote

Postcard writing Write now! Send an email to Postcards@TonyTheDemocrat.org with the Subject "Facebook Sent Me!" video 1:49: goo.gl/xjJ5SD

Phone banking Every Tuesday night 6:30-8 in your home for Manka Dhingra, for 45th LD, WA state senate. Follow instructions and phone numbers on the web site: goo.gl/WWq28r. Others: Bernie's: goo.gl/yb7gtP & Knock Every Door: <http://goo.gl/QnDJus>.

Canvassing

Beginner's guide: goo.gl/6iWHjY

Opportunities All Over the State

Summer of Canvass. Get to know our voters: <https://www.wa-democrats.org/summer-of-canvass>. Sign up: <https://www.wa-democrats.org/event/index>.

More on the web site.

Immigration

S 1615 & HR 3440

The U.S. House and Senate have reintroduced the DREAM Act, legislation that has previously enjoyed overwhelming bipartisan support. Ask our senators to co-sponsor S 1615, a bipartisan Senate bill to make DACA rights secure, and call your Representatives to ask that they cosponsor HR 3440, the bipartisan House companion bill.

"DACA grants a work permit and protection from deportation to about 750,000 undocumented immigrants brought to the country as children." From goo.gl/1j8oag

Please ask your Representative to cosponsor HR 3440 and ask our senators to cosponsor S 1615:

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Other Actions

Oppose Trump TV: Stop the Sinclair-Tribune Merger

It would create an unthinkable level of media consolidation by a company that's used the public airwaves to push a conservative political agenda. Petition: http://act.freepress.net/sign/journ_trump_sinclair/.

Unaffordable rent

Please share this with your Seattle friends: If you or someone you know has experienced economic eviction, or if you live in fear of being forced to move because of a rent hike, Kshama Sawant wants to hear your story: goo.gl/f6uFyL.

The Wall

Please contact our senators about this. The wall builders are not following due process, and the \$1.6 bn funding is through the House, headed to the Senate: goo.gl/sQEWgE.

Net Neutrality

Net Neutrality is essential to retain our First Amendment rights. Please learn more and comment: <http://sadfor.us/net-neutrality/>.

Fun survey to the GOP: <https://goo.gl/tT1U7R>.

Please comment about the Keystone XL pipeline: <https://goo.gl/zx5HVp>.

Petition against provoking North Korea: <https://goo.gl/uie1Q8>.

Events

August 13th, Sunday

1-4pm Solidarity Against Hate

@ 100 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109-5102, United States

Meet at Denny Park, 100 Dexter Ave N, at 1 PM, then we will march to Westlake together.

Seattle has hosted a few too many hateful, violent, far-right extremist rallies this year. Again, far-right extremists will converge on Westlake Park in Seattle on August 13th.

FB event: <https://goo.gl/H5jLFU>.

August 13th, Sunday

2-3:30pm Derek Kilmer Town Hall

@ Aberdeen High School, 216 N G St Aberdeen, WA 98520

August 15th, Tuesday

6-9pm West Coast Immigrant Solidarity Rally

@ 904 Sturgis Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144, United States

Thousands across the country are going to take to the streets to protect DACA, TPS and all of our immigrant communities!

Washington State is doing the same. Join Washington Dream Coalition and immigrant youth from

California and Oregon demanding for the continuation of DACA, TPS, and other local protections for immigrants. FB event: <https://goo.gl/R9mGQy>.

August 15th, Tuesday

6-8pm Not One Penny – Seattle Rally

@ Westlake Park, 401 Pine St, Seattle, Washington 98101

The recent Senate healthcare repeal efforts were hiding huge tax cuts to the ultra-wealthy.

3 goals: Educate – 70% of tax breaks in the Paul Ryan tax reform blueprint only benefit people making more than \$1 million a year.

Inform – The super wealthy and corporations are already paying less than their share of taxes.

Taxes are complex, and it's easy to mislead the public as to what the reality of taxes in America is.

Activate – this is national. Therefore, together we can make a difference.

August 15th, Tuesday

8-9pm Facebook Live Organizing Chalk-Talk with Chair Tina Podlodowski

Tune in by going to the Washington Democrats Facebook page, www.facebook.com/washdem.

– What we've heard from activists and voters in our statewide listening tour and our online collaborative planning platform (<https://newblueplan.consider.it/>)

– How we've taken that feedback and implemented it in our organizing work around the state

– An analysis of the top lessons from the August 1st primary

– Our plan to fight in every race, every place and every year

FB event: <https://goo.gl/x8XexJ>.

August 17th, Thursday

6-10pm Democracy Night!

@ Floating Bridge Brewing, 722 NE 45th St, Seattle, Washington 98105

Join @WallingfordIndivisible and @sisterdistrict in support of Democrat Manka Dhingra, running for our State Senate to replace Andy Hill (R). If she wins the seat, she will tip the Washington Senate to a Democratic majority.

Floating Bridge Brewing is donating \$1 from each pour to support Manka's campaign.

August 17th, Thursday

6:30-8pm Advocacy Training with Derek Kilmer

@ 1195 NW Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton, WA 98311-8512

Team Kilmer invites you to join our advocacy training on August 17th! Rep. Kilmer and guests will discuss ways we can stay politically active and productive under the current presidential administration.

RSVP to Karlene@derekkilmer.com. FB event: <https://goo.gl/WpyLSB>.

August 18th, Friday

11:30am-1:30pm SWARM Chase Bank til they Defund Tar Sands Pipelines!

@ 1212 2nd Ave, Seattle, WA 98101-2926

Join 350 Seattle, Greenpeace USA and Mazaska Talks as we swarm a(t least one) downtown Seattle Chase Bank branch, deliver 150,000 signed petitions and issue our demand to Chase Bank: "Defund Tar Sands Pipelines NOW!"

We plan to remain in at least one, but potentially a few banks, as long as we can to make our voices heard, starting at noon.

FB event: <https://goo.gl/AMRCmD>.

August 18th, Friday

7-8:30pm Clipboarding at Sounds of Summer! With Pramila Jayapal

@ 2623 NE University Village St, Seattle, WA 98105-5025

All summer, Pramila and her team are out gathering grassroots support in the form of citizen co-sponsors for the following bills:

College for All legislation

"100 by 50" measure to combat climate change

Access to Counsel Act to ensure due process for all detained at our borders

"Score Before the Floor" law to require a Congressional Budget Office score

FB event: <https://goo.gl/PgeASr>.

August 19th, Saturday

11am-6pm Clipboarding at Ballard Burrito Fest!

@ 5701 22nd Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107-3120

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August 19th, Saturday

12-2pm Single Payer Rally in Olympia

@ Olympia Capitol Building & Campus, Washington St SE, Olympia, Washington 98501

Come rally for universal guaranteed life time coverage for ALL of Washington. We rallied to get our congressional reps to sign on to HR 676, now we are here to tell them: "if you don't do it we will."

FB event: <https://goo.gl/NRFKGo>.

August 25th, Saturday

1pm Resist Retreat Seattle: Seattle

@ Gasworks Park, Seattle, Washington 98103

This is not a protest. This is a chance for people to come together to talk about what is going on, why, and how to proceed. The key to this event is understanding.

We are changing the meaning of R&R.

This is a chance for people to get educated on the causes they are supporting with public free events and discussions about the things that are effecting our country. We are going to be uniting groups for three days at a number of venues for the sole purpose of getting together and getting the message out.