

Meeting with Rep. Kilmer's Staff, 1/28/2020

We met with Katy, Katy.Crabtree@mail.house.gov in Bremerton. Face to face is the best way to meet and be a focus group for the Congressional District in the general populace. This is our scheduled last Tuesday 3-4 pm monthly meeting at the Norm Dicks Bldg., 345 6th St, Bremerton. All are welcome. More details about this initiative and previous notes: <http://sadfor.us/last-tuesdays-with-rep-kilmer/>

Upcoming Town Halls

In Person Town Halls:

Fri. 1/31 5:30 pm, Port Angeles

at Elwha Klallam Heritage Center, 401 E First St, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Sat. 2/1 4:00 pm, Suquamish

at Suquamish Tribal Council Chambers, 18490 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish, WA 98392

Facebook Live:

Mon. 2/10 5:30 pm at Facebook.com/Derek.Kilmer



Nice view from the office!

McConnell's Graveyard

Bill McCain (Bainbridge Island constituent)'s excellent idea: We would like Rep. Kilmer to frame the 400 + bills that Sen. McConnell refuses to bring to the Senate floor: and more than 200 of them are bipartisan. Republicans are claiming that the Democrats haven't passed any bills because they have focused on impeachment. This is an outright lie. 'The dead purple bills' (red + blue)? 'the dead bills'?

War and its Threat

We need to do all that we can to stop building up an armory of more and more weapons and attacking other countries. It damages our people and families at the time – and when they get home. Particularly nukes.

The worst nukes are the low yield weapons – they can be used in a smaller escalation – but the enemy cannot see how big an impact they can have, and they can respond with terrifying nukes.

[H. Res. 83](#): Congress has the power to declare war with Iran - not the president. Rep. Kilmer is a cosponsor.

33 other lawmakers joined Rep. Kilmer in a letter demanding answers about military spending being diverted to the wall. [WaPo](#)

[HR 2829](#): AUMF Clarification Act: to take down the level of powers the president has to attack other countries. Rep. Kilmer is a cosponsor.

The [Suquamish Warriors](#) are a strong group of veterans and friends who work with Rep. Kilmer's office to work on avoiding war and its aftershocks, like PTSD.

In the recent NDAA there was money for mental health for issues like PTSD. It also included money for more nuclear weapons and a space force. Reps have to work with colleagues and compromise. Rep. Kilmer has a new scheduler and a new political director this month, so organization may take a little longer for a while as they learn the ropes.

Health Care

Rep. Kilmer has previously said (in a phone call with us) that we cannot have health care for all because the amount of money paid by Medicare is not enough for clinics and hospitals to keep their doors open. We want our representatives to figure this out. He has said he wants to shore up the affordable care act. I can't find any quotes for his attitude to how to move forward with healthcare. Maybe he can clarify in an upcoming town hall.

Climate Change

Bills

Out of the 9 bills that were maintained by Rep. Pelosi to fulfill the majority (The House)'s main agenda this session, [HR. 9](#) is the climate bill. It would put us back in the Paris Climate agreement. [TheHill](#) It passed the House and is waiting for the Senate to vote on it.

[HR 763](#), the Carbon Dividend Act would make all producers of fossil fuels pay a fee, to be distributed to all equally. It has not been brought to a vote in the House yet, but Rep. Kilmer is a cosponsor.

Carbon Sequestration

There is a PCP (porous coordination polymer) that can absorb CO₂ and make it into useful materials. [ScienceDaily](#) we need this kind of sequestration as well as to reduce our consumption.

We want action on the Amazon. We need its sequestration. [APNews](#)

New Democrat Coalition on Climate Change

Rep. Kilmer is the chair. The coalition has backed 12 bills to combat climate change – 7 are bipartisan. [NewDemocratCoalition.House](#) They also have a new set of bills coming.

Bad Signs

Baby crabs' shells are softer than they should be because of ocean acidification. [PeninsularDailyNews](#)

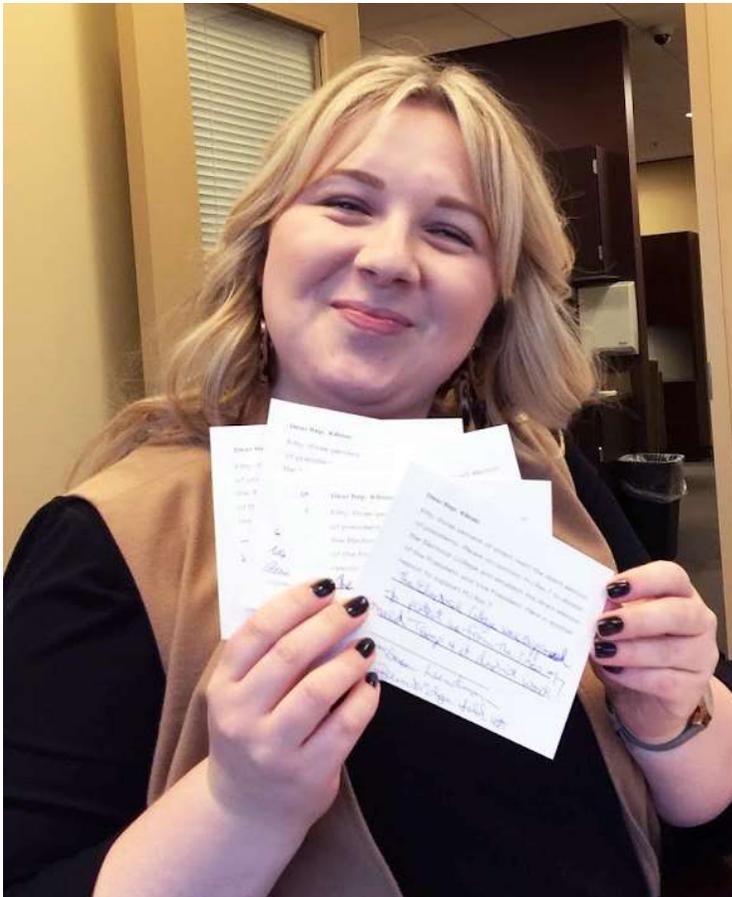
[Pyrosomes](#) have been seen in Port Townsend, way far north of where they have traditionally been because the water is unusually warm.

Solutionary Rail

Fact Sheet: [PDF](#)

Solutionary rail is a plan whereby we make our trains electric, have powerlines to share renewable energy and utilize our national train system by forming a public-private partnership. This would revolutionize how we structure our towns and urban areas, enable greater transit and movement of goods and stop so much pollution through transit.

We informed Katy about the potential it holds. She said that she read most of the book, and Rep. Kilmer has met Bill Moyer, the author.



Katy accepting our notes in support of the bill that gets rid of the electoral college, [H. J. Res 7!](#)