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To: Senator Dianne Feinstein
From: Indivisible East Bay
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Subject: Resisting the Trump Agenda (Appropriations)

Funding the Government: With poorly run agencies and an executive branch filled with corruption, we want Sen. Feinstein to work to place the tightest possible restrictions on exactly what the money Congress appropriates is to be spent on.

Questions:

- How does she see her role on appropriations subcommittees in this context?
- Is she expecting another omnibus bill when funding runs out in September?
- What is she planning to work to see included in such a bill? What will she work to keep out of such a bill?
- Does it look like there will be a budget resolution for FY 2019?

National Defense Authorization Act: We are very concerned about the 2019 NDAA that has passed the House as the bill also authorizes production of a new low-yield warhead that would be delivered on Trident, submarine-launched missiles. The work to produce it will be completed in FY 2019, and thus President Trump will have a new nuclear capability specifically meant for battlefield usage. On top of that, 27 out of 28 Democratic members of the House Armed Services voted in favor of authorizing an additional \$16 billion (on top of the \$700 billion in FY 2018) for defense.

Questions:

- What is the Senator's plan for minimizing, delaying, or preventing the **appropriation** of funds for new nuclear capability?
- Does she plan on trading the B83 retirement for these new low yield (W76-2) warhead?

Department of Homeland Security Reauthorization: There are many things we believe will be harmful in the bill that passed the House, and while it does include some provisions that we like, we are concerned that the bill that was reported out of committee in the Senate may not deserve the bipartisan support it seems to be getting.

Questions:

- Why are Democrats going along with authorizing ICE for the first time[1], when the agency is clearly terrible and not responsive to Congressional oversight?
- Why aren't they using this as an opportunity to push for reform?

Immigration Enforcement Funding: We thank Sen. Feinstein for the letter demanding that the Senate reject Trump's deportation force budget request.

Questions:

- Does the senator support Sen. Harris's S.2849 - A bill to prohibit the expansion of immigration detention facilities, to improve the oversight of such facilities, and for other purposes [2]
- Would the senator support decreasing ICE & CBP budget authority for officer headcount and reducing immigration detention bed quotas?

Relief Funding for Puerto Rico: Things still seem really bad.

Questions:

-Is Congress going to give them more money for disaster relief and reconstruction?

-Would the senator consider co-sponsoring S.2041 - Rebuilding Resilient Energy Systems Act to reform the Stafford Act[3] to ensure that federal funding for post-disaster infrastructure reconstruction is both greener/more efficient and more resilient?

Farm Bill: We want the senator to ensure funding for and defend against benefit cuts, eligibility restrictions, or structural changes for SNAP.

Homelessness: Any updates on her plans to set up a new federal funding program to address homelessness?

Sources:

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