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- Ricann reads a post about heroes from Heather Cox Richardson. Heroes are just people who do things that are important and potentially could be harmful to their health. April 3 1968 before he was assassinated he gave a speech to sanitation workers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Indivisible training - building a broader coalition. The more viewpoints we have, the better for solving problems.
- Indivisible - good time to write representatives to tell them and say we support them.
- Building a broader we - Braver Angels is good for this. BA is relevant but is a slow process and an investment. Kathy and Sandy will spend time learning to be moderators.
- This is the eve of the legislative session.
- Talked about splitting the climate topic into different topics
- Process for Action Alerts
 - You get them from a committee chair
 - Includes writing to Reps
 - Could include a request to write a LTE

REENA SZCEPANSKI, NEW MEXICO STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- Appreciates our energy and enthusiasm year round and thanks Rachel for the Law Enforcement Bill
- Town Hall w Wirth at 3pm at CCA on Jan 21
 - Big leadership change
 - She is House Maj Whip
 - Serving with Maj leader Gail Chasey
 - Speaker will be Javier Martinez
 - House Minority is Ryan Lane
 - House Majority Whip is Jason Harpor
 - Gail Armstrong ?
 - More diverse group offers more opportunities for working together
- Bills/conversations to look out for:
 - The feed bill will be debated. Part of that will be a legislative staffing agency. And putting \$ in the budget so that every legis will have a staffer
 - Also how to handle the surplus when there is a potential for it to go away
 - Reena will be working on raising age for rifles to 21. To purchase a handgun 21 but to purchase an AR 15 18
 - Flags for people who are risks. Talk about revisions to the bill.
 - More work on domestic violence at home.
 - Child safety, holding adults accountable for child access.
 - High capacity magazine ban.
 - Economic Development put out a 9 point program for creative industries. She wants to add the film industry. This will create grants, etc. CO has put out a bill about \$10M. Will be a great boost to rural communities. And will build shared resources. Working foundry at Shedoni. She is working on this.

- Lead co-sponsor addressing repro rights. Serrato and Lopez in Senate. Protecting confidentiality. Putting Gov's exec order into law. As well, no local govt could protect against repro healthcare.
- One other big bill: an initiative make healthcare more affordable to the middle class. Making medicare avail to all. BIG LIFT. Lift the income cap to medicaid. Right now : 185% under poverty level.
- Bill with Wirth - vehicle noise allowing vehicle inspections for modified muffler (Yay to this - my comment)

Questions:

- Do we need a constitutional amendment?
 - We won't be using language saying 'codifying Roe'. We want more than that including access, etc. Roe is the baseline. YES - a const. Amendment important. Get poling research done. And come back next session with this info. A const. Amendment is expensive and failure is not an option. Will take 2-5M dollars. No matter what it goes on ballot in 2024. We can't have a bad amendment.
- More about Health Security
 - Insurance for all isn't as good as Health Security. Reena doesn't see these two bills as competitive. If we had more people enrolled in Medicaid that would be easier to get more for the HSA. Reena thinks both are good. The Medicaid for all : this is the lowest reimbursement rate. This is something we have to grapple with. There will be a rural hospital fund that the Gov sponsored last year and Stefanics will be sponsoring this year.
- Question: How can we as a group put pressure on Patty Lundstrom? Describe what you do as Maj Whip - she is integral to these bills are being passed.
 - Her Whip role: to understand leadership and caucus priorities to be pushy salesperson to understand where the votes are etc.
 - Will be talking to chairs all the time. Reena has a good relationship with Lundstrom. No one can run a meeting like her. She is very skilled. Challenges? She is working on budget for first half of session she is very busy. She does keep an eye on everything.
 - To the extent that you can write short letters, drop off stuff (not a handout). She will review everything. HFAC meets everyday.
 - She is respectful of her constituents. Reena thinks she is more conservative, but lots of the \$ for budgets are progressive in nature. She takes the brunt for what the LFC does. Reena has found her to be progressive on things she never thought she would.
- Question: climate and environment. Hydrogen.
 - Reena is co sponsoring a bill to sponsor a climate health thing. Also will be a large bill to put into law the gov's climate exec order. Conservation trust fund. Hydrogen - may be or not coming back.
 - Reena: we should put in state law caps on Hydrogen emissions or carbon emissions related to Hydrogen. She is close to climate experts she expects to continue to do that.
- Question: Commentary from Anne Brown, mandatory gun locks. Tara Lujan will have a bill on ghost guns. Gun safe tax credit. Is Andrea Romero the sole gun legislative bill? She has a number of them, not sure.
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