

PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW

U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington – February 5, 2009

Healthcare: A Win for Children like Brenna

Last Friday, I helped to pass the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIP). This bill will make it possible for 10 million new low income children to receive healthcare across the country. Funding in Washington state will increase to \$94 million, allowing 6,000 more uninsured children to access healthcare. This bill ensures that children like Brenna Krug, a young girl from Marysville, WA suffering from Cystic Fibrosis, can afford care. – [Details](#)

[Watch](#) my speech telling the story of Brenna Krug and encouraging Senators to support CHIP.

[Child's fight for life plays in Senate debate](#) – Everett Herald

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Equal Pay: President Obama Signs the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act



Last Thursday, I joined Lilly Ledbetter at the White House for the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, a critical bill that fights pay discrimination in the workplace. This was the first bill of 2009 passed by Congress, and the first signed into law by President Obama.

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Stimulus: \$55 Million Will Help Washington State Workers Access Job Training Resources

Through no fault of their own, many Washingtonians are finding themselves without a job and without the skills to find a new one. That's why I am fighting to include \$55 million for unemployed Washington state workers to access job training in the Economic Recovery bill. This money will go directly to Washington state to help laid-off workers find new jobs and get the training and career counseling necessary to get back to work. Unemployed workers will be able to access these resources by contacting their local WorkSource affiliate. – [Details](#)

To find your local WorkSource affiliate visit my [One-Stop Economic Resource Center](#) and click on [WorkSource career center](#).

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Joining the Senate Democratic Hispanic Task Force

Last week, I joined the Senate Democratic Hispanic Task Force. As a member of this task force, I will work to address issues that are a priority to the Hispanic community and build long lasting relationships with leaders throughout the nation. This position will further my ability to effectively fight for Washington state's Hispanic community. – [Details](#)

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International Relations: Improving Global Development Efforts and U.S. Image Abroad

Last Thursday, I teamed up with Senators Dick Durbin, Sheldon Whitehouse and Chris Dodd to introduce the Increasing America's Global Development Capacity Act. This act allows the U.S. Agency for International Development to triple the number of Foreign Service Officers in an effort to increase our ability to assist the development of foreign countries. Assisting foreign countries helps improve the well-being of many living in poverty around the world and provides a positive example of America's role in the world. - [Details](#)

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