

# PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW

U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington – February 25, 2009

## WorkSource: Help for Struggling Workers in Recovery Bill

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to join with Washington residents at a Seattle WorkSource Center to discuss how the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#) will help out-of-work Washingtonians and their families. By expanding food stamps and unemployment insurance and making health care more affordable, this package ensures that struggling families can make rent and keep food on the table. Additionally, this package will provide **over \$66 million to help Washington workers get the skills** needed to compete for in-demand jobs.



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## Navy: Groundbreaking for Naval Station Everett's Fleet Regional Readiness Center

I had the pleasure to speak at the groundbreaking for Naval Station Everett's Fleet Regional Readiness Center last Friday. As a member of the Senate Military Construction Appropriations Committees, I was able **to secure \$10.9 million in federal funding to help construct the new facility**. While **creating 200 new jobs**, the new center will ensure that our sailors get the best training possible here at home. Sailors will soon no longer have to leave their families for weeks or months at a time to travel out of state for training missions.



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## Homelessness: Committee to End Homelessness in King County

Last week, I was pleased to join with the Governing Board of the Committee to End Homelessness in King County to discuss homelessness. Our meeting focused on ensuring that affordable housing and supportive services are available for families in need during these incredibly tough economic times. As Chair of the Senate Housing and Urban Development Appropriations committee, I have supported efforts to end homelessness by funding rapid re-housing and other programs that help connect families in need to affordable housing. Additionally, the newly enacted [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#) will ease the economic burden of a family's most basic needs and provide help for families in need. I will continue to partner with this Committee and others like it in our state, to fight for affordable housing and assistance for Washington families.

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## Fighting Crime through Investing In Our Kids

Last week, I had the chance to speak about the relationship between investing in our kids and fighting crime. Throughout my time in the Senate, I have fought to give law enforcement officers the support they need to respond to, and prevent, crime. But like many of you, I know that preventing crimes starts with ensuring our kids stay off the streets and get the education they deserve. That is why I supported further funding for Washington's Head Start and Early Head Start programs in the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#). I will continue to work to address the needs of Washington's law enforcement and prevention agencies in our state.



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