

# **PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW**

**U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington – March 16, 2009**

## **Investing in Washington State: Addressing Local Needs, Creating Local Jobs**

On Tuesday, I helped pass vitally important spending legislation that includes millions in funding for projects throughout Washington state. At a critical time, the projects in the bill will help to create and protect jobs in our state and address the needs of many communities. With our economy ailing, I believe it's important to bring federal funding back to Washington state to invest in job-creating projects in our own backyard.

To find specific information on funding secured for projects in your area click a regional or issue link below:

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## **Law Enforcement: \$36 Million in Economic Recovery Funding Will Help Washington State Police Departments**

With local and state budgets being slashed, I believe that the federal government has to step up to ensure that our police departments and law enforcement officials have what they need to protect our communities. That is why I strongly supported the inclusion of Byrne Justice Grants in the Economic Recovery Act that I helped to pass last month. Byrne Grants provide the funding needed to train, hire and properly equip local police and law enforcement officials. Last week, I was proud to announce that Washington state communities will receive more than \$36 million in Byrne Grants to help local police departments weather this recession. - [Details](#)

[Learn about Byrne Grants here](#) and [view the WA cities and counties that will receive grants here.](#)

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## **Science: Obama Lifts Bush Ban on Stem Cell Research, Seeks to Separate Science and Politics**

Last Monday, I applauded President Obama's decision to lift the ban on federal funding for additional stem cell research and to sign a memorandum that seeks to separate science from politics. I believe that scientists will now have the confidence to move forward with research – knowing that it will be judged on its scientific merits, not its political implications. - [Details](#)

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## **Hanford: Inviting Energy Secretary to See Our State's Needs First-Hand**

On Wednesday, at a Senate Budget Committee Hearing, I invited Energy Secretary Dr. Steven Chu to Washington state so that he can see the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and the innovative work that is taking place at Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL). - [Details](#)

[Listen](#) - Senator Murray Invites Dr. Chu to visit Hanford and PNNL.

["Murray to invite Chu to Hanford"](#) – Tri-City Herald  
["Energy Secretary Chu plans Hanford visit"](#) – Tri-City Herald

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## **Economy: Questioning Treasury Secretary on CEO Bonuses**

On Thursday, I questioned Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner about the Obama Administration's 2010 Budget, and how it will work to fix our ailing economy. I also shared my anger about companies using federal funds for lavish weekends and executive bonuses. I asked Secretary Geithner for specifics on how to limit these abuses. - [Details](#)

[Listen](#) - Senator Murray questions Secretary Geithner.

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## **Health Care: Increasing and Streamlining Efforts to Understand and Treat Neurological Conditions**

This week, I introduced legislation to significantly help scientists advance their understanding of the human brain and develop new treatments and cures for the millions of Americans who suffer from neurological diseases, conditions and disorders. Neurological disorders take a terrible toll on victims and their families. Yet despite the number of people who suffer from neurological conditions, we still have only a limited understanding of how the brain works and how best to treat injuries and illnesses. - [Details](#)

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