

PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW

U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington – May 21, 2009

Credit Card Company Rip-Offs: DECLINED

This week I helped pass legislation in the Senate that provides tough new regulations on deceptive credit card practices that have hurt Washington families. The [Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009](#) will put an end to controversial practices like undisclosed interest rate hikes and penalties for on-time payments. It will also establish stronger consumer protection and will safeguard younger consumers.

I also successfully [included an amendment](#) in the bill that will help us move toward a better system of financial education so that Washingtonians can make more informed decisions when dealing with credit card companies and other financial institutions. [Details](#)

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["Congress should get behind credit card measure"](#) – The Olympian

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WORKFORCE: Time to Consider our Military Workforce



Last Tuesday, I delivered a speech to machinists and aerospace workers from Washington state and across the country about the needs of the men and women who build our country's planes, tanks, satellites, and other vital military equipment. I told them that I believe our country needs to begin a serious conversation about how military procurement decisions are affecting our domestic workforce – a workforce that is disappearing before our eyes. The speech came one week after I [successfully included an amendment](#) to a major defense procurement bill that will require the Pentagon to inform Congress about how many of its decisions are affecting workers. – [Details](#)

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COLUMBIA RIVER: A Big Victory to Complete Channel Deepening Project

Last week, I announced that I was able to work with the Obama Administration to convince them to include over \$26 million in Economic Recovery funding to complete a 20-year project to deepen the navigation channel in the Columbia River. The project, which is critical to jobs and businesses up and down the Columbia, was not included in the Administration's original plans for Recovery Act funding. However, I was able to work with Administration officials to point out the importance of the project to our state economy and local efforts to sustain jobs. – [Details](#)

["Murray flexes power, wins Columbia River money"](#) – The Oregonian

["Final channel deepening funds secured"](#) – The Columbian

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POLICE: Honoring Our State's Fallen Officers

Last week, I introduced a resolution in the Senate commemorating the lives of Officer Kristine Marie Fairbanks, Deputy Anne Marie Jackson, and Sergeant Nelson Kai Ng, who gave their lives in the service of the people of Washington state in 2008. – [Details](#)

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RECOVERY: More funding for Washington state

So far Washington state has received more than \$2.2 billion in funding from the Economic Recovery Act. Last week I announced additional funding for programs in our state. Click on the links below to learn more about these programs.

[Energy Recovery Funding](#)

[Lead Paint Cleanup](#)

[Indian Health Service](#)

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