

PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW

U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington – February 25, 2010

Murray Tells Story of Young Boy from Washington State at Bipartisan White House Health Care Summit

Yesterday, I attended the White House Health Care Summit and shared a story that was told to me by a young Washington state resident named Marcelas Owens. Marcelas' story demonstrates why health insurance reform is so critical to families across Washington state. I used Marcelas as an example as to why it is time to move forward with reform for the thousands of Washington families and business owners who have shared their stories with me. – [Details](#)

["Boy's loss recounted at summit"](#) – News Tribune

Small Business: Helping small business expand and create jobs

Last Monday, I held a roundtable discussion with Seattle-area small business owners to discuss ways to help them expand and create jobs. I listened to stories about the lack of credit available to small business owners and discussed [my efforts](#) to increase access to credit and support efforts to grow small business and create jobs throughout our state.

["Sen. Murray's plan to help small businesses get loans"](#) – Puget Sound Business Journal

Transportation: \$30 Million to fix "Mercer Mess" Will Create Jobs and Support Commerce

Last Thursday, I joined Governor Gregoire and local business owners to announce that \$30 million will be going to the Mercer Corridor project in Seattle as part of the TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant program. This project will generate jobs, help reduce congestion in downtown Seattle and bolster economic activity in an area with major employers.

[Details](#)

["Federal stimulus cash should jump-start transforming Mercer St."](#) – Seattle Times

Transportation: \$35 Million to Improve North Spokane Corridor

Also last Thursday, I announced that \$35 million of additional TIGER Grant funding will be going to the North Spokane Corridor project. I'm proud to have secured this funding for the region's top transportation priority that will put people to work and build a more economically competitive and vibrant region. – [Details](#)

["Stimulus to spur work on corridor"](#) – Spokesman-Review

Columbia River Channel Deepening: Positively Impacting Local Economy

Last Friday, I visited the Port of Vancouver to host a roundtable discussion about the Columbia River channel deepening project currently underway. I met with representatives from the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, the Columbia River Channel Deepening Coalition, and members of the local community and was pleased to hear about the positive impact this project has had on the community and local economy.

["Deeper channel reaps early dividends"](#) – Columbian

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