

# PATTY MURRAY'S WASHINGTON VIEW

U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Weekly Report to the People of Washington – September 15, 2009

## A Strong Case for Health Care Reform

Last Wednesday, President Obama stated clearly what American families and businesses know all too well, our current health care system is simply unsustainable.

The reform we are working towards will provide stability and choice to families and businesses. It will mean lower costs, stable and portable coverage and the promise that if you get sick, have a pre-existing condition or lose your job, you will not lose your health care. I look forward to working with the President and colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass meaningful reform that will lower costs, increase choice and provide stability to America's families and businesses this year. – [Details](#)

## AEROSPACE: WTO Rules that Launch Aid is an Illegal Subsidy

Last week, the World Trade Organization made clear that for decades the European Union has been providing the European aerospace company Airbus with illegal subsidies that have created an uneven playing field for Boeing and cost American jobs. Following the ruling, I urged the EU and Airbus to heed the WTO's ruling and to immediately put a stop to plans to provide any further illegal subsidies in the form of "launch aid." The WTO's decision also raises major questions for the U.S. Department of Defense as it prepares to solicit bids to build the next generation of aerial refueling tankers. – [Details](#)

## Remembering Senator Ted Kennedy

Last week on the Senate floor, I delivered a speech honoring and remembering my friend and mentor Senator Edward Kennedy. I served with Senator Kennedy for 17 years in the Senate including many years as a senior member of his Committee. In my speech, I talked about fighting for legislation together that allows family to spend time with sick loved ones, the personal touch he brought to the business of politics, and the unique gift he had to persevere over tragedy. I also called on my colleagues to help continue Senator Kennedy's work to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.

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## DEFENSE: Millions in Job-Creating Spending for Washington State

On Wednesday, I announced that I have included \$63 million in federal defense work for Washington state companies in the 2010 Defense Appropriations bill. This spending will create good jobs in the state and help our armed forces get the cutting-edge military equipment they need and deserve. The spending I have included in this bill will provide a critical boost to the economy, and it will make a strong investment in research, technology, and innovation in Washington state. – [Details](#)

["Bremerton's Dimension4 in Line for Defense Funds"](#) – The Kitsap Sun

## Commemorating the Attacks of September 11th

This year, for the first time, 9/11 was been designated a National Day of Service and Remembrance. The mission of the day was to honor the victims of 9/11 and those who rose to service in response to the attacks by encouraging everyone to pledge to voluntarily perform at least one good deed, or another service activity on 9/11 each year. I cannot think of a better way to honor the memory of those who were lost than by taking a moment to remember, and then performing a good deed or act of service. September 11th was not just a day of national loss, but of personal loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who has lost a friend or loved one.

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