

Dear neighbors,

Once again this year, the Legislature passed bills that put people first — and once again, more than 95% were bipartisan. I'm especially proud I was able to work across the aisle on tough issues and deliver results, earning a strong bipartisan majority for each of the 12 bills I passed this year. My bills will help keep our communities safe and improve behavioral health treatment and crisis response.

On the other side of this card, you can read about some of the work we did this session to achieve success for every child, ensure safety for all, build healthier communities, and foster a healthy planet and strong economy. I am committed to making sure Washington remains one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

Democracy is not a spectator sport — thank you to everyone who jumped into the game by contacting my office and making your voice heard. I am truly honored to represent all of you.

Sincerely yours,



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HIGHLIGHTS OF MY WORK IN THE SENATE SINCE 2018

- Nation's strongest privacy protections for sensitive reproductive and health care data
- New statewide 988 crisis hotline
- Nation's first Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention
- Property tax relief for seniors and veterans
- Innovation and investments in behavioral health treatment
- Support and justice for domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking survivors
- Balanced budgets that strengthen communities

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HEALTHY PLANET, STRONG ECONOMY

Our budget speeds up investments in clean air and clean energy jobs. We are funding free transit for youth under 18, electric school buses, safer walking and cycling routes, heat pumps for thousands of low-income families, public electric vehicle charging stations, and utility bill assistance for roughly 750,000 households.

SUCCESS FOR EVERY CHILD

We increased support for public education, including funding more paraeducators, expanding free meals for students, raising the funding formula for special education, and investing a record amount in public school construction.

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

We addressed the fentanyl epidemic by increasing support for education and treatment, and we added to record investments in affordable housing. We capped out-of-pocket costs for EpiPens and asthma inhalers at \$35.

Legislation I sponsored will build capacity at each point on the continuum of behavioral health crisis care: A Place to Call, Someone to Come, A Safe Place to Be.

SAFETY FOR ALL

Everyone deserves to be safe and to feel safe in their community. In recent years, we have established law enforcement training centers around the state, so officers can come from and train in the communities they will be protecting. This session, we passed several bills to expand and diversify law enforcement recruiting, training, and retention.

I also sponsored legislation to provide a victim-centered, trauma informed response to survivors of sexual assault and child trafficking and ensure that justice can be done. And we took steps to prevent firearm violence by banning open carry in libraries and zoos, requiring better reporting of lost and stolen guns, and more.

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