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Hey Neighbor!

Over the last four years, I've strived diligently to make our community a better place to live. We put in the work to confront climate change, a housing crisis, and a relentless pandemic—which exacerbated existing problems in our society. During these trying times, I remain committed to serving my community and it has been an honor to serve you.

Flip this postcard to get a glance at what we were able to accomplish during my first term as your state senator.

Senator Joe Nguyen

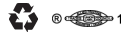
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**1.** Modernized and increased access to basic needs programs, including raising funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program by 15%. **2.** Increased resources for the Housing Trust Fund to build more affordable housing. **3.** Gave community and technical colleges authority to offer bachelor's degrees in computer science. **4.** Passed the Fair Start for Kids Act to provide access to quality early childhood education and childcare. **5.** Comprehensively reformed the police officer arbitration process to increase transparency and reduce bias in the arbitrator selection process. **6.** Secured funding to relocate and expand the Vashon and White Center food banks. **7.** Passed a \$16.9 billion transportation package in Move Ahead Washington, funding ferries, elevating climate action, and letting kids 18 and under ride free on transit and ferries. **8.** Increased student safety, especially for LGBTQ youth, with science and age-appropriate affirming sexual health education in schools. **9.** Established the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, the first of its kind in the nation. **10.** Added dental coverage to health care plans available for Pacific Islanders residing in Washington. **11.** Established a suicide and behavioral health crisis response system. **12.** Provided support to renters, homeowners, and landlords. **13.** Delivered relief for small and local businesses. **14.** Expanded broadband internet access. **15.** Prioritized setting and meeting climate goals with the HEAL Act, the Climate Commitment Act, and a low-carbon fuel standard. **16.** Expanded graduated reentry programs to reduce recidivism and improve public safety. **17.** Reformed REET taxes to a graduated scale, providing a tax break for sales on real estate for 80% of Washingtonians. **18.** Increased access to democracy with prepaid postage on all ballots. **19.** Further increased access to democracy for young people with automatic voter registration for 16- and 17-year-olds and by allowing 17-year-olds to participate in primary elections. **20.** Vacated marijuana misdemeanors. **21.** Deployed services upstream to prevent youth from entering the criminal justice system, increased services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, and developed alternatives to incarceration. **22.** Allowed youth in the justice system to spend more time in the community without risk of returning to an institution. **23.** Created the nation's first public health care option through Cascade Care. **24.** Secured funding for the Dakota Homestead. **25.** Secured funding for the White Center Community Hub. **26.** Eliminated lunch payments for students who qualify for reduced-price lunch. **27.** Ensured workers' compensation coverage for essential workers through HELSA. **28.** Reformed the Employment Security Department. **29.** Passed police accountability legislation to build safer and healthier communities. **30.** Improved medical care for our transgender and gender-nonconforming neighbors with the Gender Affirming Treatment Act. **31.** Bolstered the Paid Family Medical Leave Act. **32.** Built a more equitable, less regressive tax code. **33.** Provided funding to support organizations like Mary's Place to alleviate family homelessness. **34.** Added funding for nurses and counselors in schools to better meet students' physical and social emotional needs.

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