



UNITED STATES SENATOR  
**Larry Craig**  
 FOR THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO

### Larry Craig stands in support of the Constitution

*“The great challenge of our age is combating terrorism while remaining true to our Constitution.”*

I believe in the constitutional principles of limited federal government, free enterprise, private property, and individual liberty and responsibility. This is the philosophy that guides my actions on behalf of the State of Idaho in the United States Senate.

### Larry Craig stands for secure borders and immigration reform

*“The first, fundamental responsibility of the federal government is to protect the American people through strong national defense and effective homeland security, which includes border security.”*

Our border security efforts will only work if they are coupled with domestic law enforcement that identifies and brings undocumented workers out of the underground economy, and an effective temporary worker program that matches willing foreign workers with U.S. jobs that U.S. workers have rejected.

# Standing on principles & Working for Idaho

An update on key priorities for Idaho, the West, and the nation.

### Larry Craig works to support the Constitution

- ★ I introduced the Security and Freedom Enhancement (SAFE) Act to preserve the liberties of Americans while improving the federal government’s ability to fight terrorism. I successfully fought to add SAFE Act provisions to the bill renewing and revising the USA PATRIOT Act, and they are now law.
- ★ I cosponsored the Constitution Restoration Act to stop activist federal judges from undermining religious freedom and forcing religion out of the public square.
- ★ I introduced and led the Senate in passing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which was signed into law by President Bush. This Act stops predatory lawsuits aimed at cutting off the access of law-abiding citizens to firearms and the exercise of their Second Amendment rights.
- ★ I am cosponsoring legislation to restore the protection of private property rights enshrined in the Constitution, which were undermined by the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in the Kelo v. City of New London case.
- ★ In reviewing federal judge nominees, my key test is whether the nominee will observe the court’s proper role and scope of authority – applying the law, instead of inventing it.

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- ★ The Craig-Byrd amendment, signed into law by the President, provided for more than 1,500 new border patrol agents, thousands of new detention beds, hundreds of additional detention and removal personnel, and unmanned aerial vehicles for patrolling the border.
- ★ At the request of U.S. and Idaho agriculture, I introduced the AgJOBS bill to reform the temporary worker program for seasonal agriculture. To help farmers until those reforms are in place, AgJOBS offers some long-time farm workers a chance to get a green card if they undergo a background check, pay a substantial fine, and remain working in agriculture for 3-5 years. More than 400 groups representing agricultural employers and workers from across the nation support AgJOBS, and so does the U.S. Senate, which passed the bill.
- ★ I voted against the 1986 amnesty bill and in favor of the 1996 crackdown on illegal immigration.
- ★ In the recent Senate debate on immigration, I voted:
  - ★ **FOR** making English our national language.
  - ★ **FOR** adding hundreds of miles of fencing along our southern border.
  - ★ **FOR** restricting Social Security benefits to those who are legally working in the United States.
  - ★ **FOR** capping the number of green card visas issued annually.
- ★ I worked to convince the White House to develop a plan to use the National Guard to strengthen border security. They are now doing exactly that.

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## Larry Craig stands for fiscal responsibility

*“Federal spending has spiraled out of control.”*

The growth of spending programs, especially entitlements, is a direct threat to the economy and will lead to huge deficits and debt, drastic cuts in other spending, or sharply higher taxes.

Congress has been unwilling to say ‘no’ to new spending and unable to restrain and reform entitlements, and this inaction is perpetuated by an outdated budget process that hides future program costs and fails to require lawmakers to make serious choices. This must change.

## Larry Craig works for fiscal responsibility

- ★ I am continuing to promote economic growth by eliminating wasteful spending, cutting taxes, and reforming the budget process to limit the growth of entitlements.
- ★ I have long championed a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget, ever since I came to Congress.
- ★ I have voted against hundreds of billions of dollars in new spending.
- ★ I voted to cut taxes by \$70 billion over the next five years.
- ★ I voted to permanently repeal the tax on death.
- ★ I voted against a \$109 billion emergency supplemental appropriations bill that contained wasteful spending, wholly unrelated to the War on Terror and hurricane recovery efforts.
- ★ I continue to promote a fair and simple flat tax.
- ★ I helped to introduce the Stop Over-Spending Act of 2006, a budget process reform bill that puts statutory caps on discretionary spending, provides a mechanism to reduce the deficit and limit entitlement spending, and establishes a commission to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in federal agencies and programs.

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## Larry Craig stands for energy security and affordability

*“Increasing domestic energy supply to meet the demands of our growing economy should be the top priority of energy policymakers.”*

The U.S. has backed itself into an energy crisis that has us relying on unfriendly parts of the world for too much of our energy supply.

Energy production from our own hemisphere, from our own backyard, has got to take priority over the preference of

any one state, or environmental obstructionism. A diverse domestic energy supply is the only way to ensure our nation’s security and economic competitiveness.

## Larry Craig works for energy security and affordability

- ★ I led in passing the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which will:
  - ★ Allow our dams to be relicensed in a timely, efficient manner – protecting our environment and keeping power rates low.
  - ★ Construct the Next Generation Nuclear Plant at the Idaho National Laboratory, launching a resurgence of nuclear power generation in the United States – a key component to remaining competitive in today’s global market.
  - ★ Promote the development of cleaner market-driven technologies like nuclear, wind, and geothermal.
- ★ I have long fought for production on our own lands and off of our own shores – including the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve (ANWR) and Federal Lease 181 in the Gulf of Mexico.
- ★ I have opposed taxes as a means for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- ★ I introduced legislation to allow U.S. companies to compete with China in our own hemisphere, in fact just miles off our own shore, for oil and gas reserves.

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## Larry Craig stands for strong families

*“A strong family is an important ingredient in most happy and productive lives.”*

Our federal domestic social policies should strengthen the family and address its changing needs, not disrupt or undermine it.

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- ★ I cosponsored and voted for the Marriage Protection constitutional amendment, to prevent states from being forced by the courts, against the people’s will, to change the fundamental definition of marriage.
- ★ I cosponsored and voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage for federal purposes as the union of a man and a woman.
- ★ As an adoptive parent and adoption advocate, I have long been involved in shaping policies related to adoption and foster care, including serving as the lead sponsor of the adoption tax credit and landmark foster care reform, and most recently working to streamline the process for adopting internationally. I am the co-chair of the nearly 200-member Congressional Coalition on Adoption and a co-founder of the CCA Institute, which helps educate members of Congress and the public about adoption.
- ★ I introduced legislation to make sure federal education policies respect and do not discriminate against home-schooled students.

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