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# Dave Reichert

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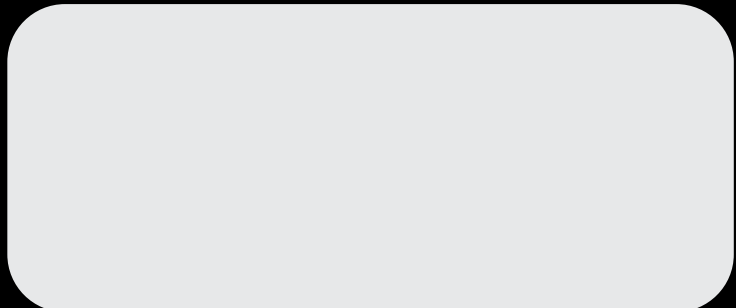
Visit the site to learn more about Dave Reichert's work on transportation and the Families Agenda.

The site contains comprehensive information on constituent services as well as information on legislative issues and congressional votes. Dave's web site also contains a blog, videos, online surveys, issue spotlights and an e-mail update sign up.

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Congressman Dave Reichert has developed a new web site,

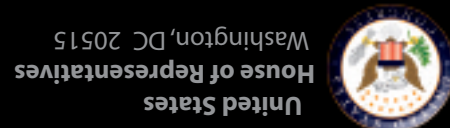
## Reichert Launches New Web Site



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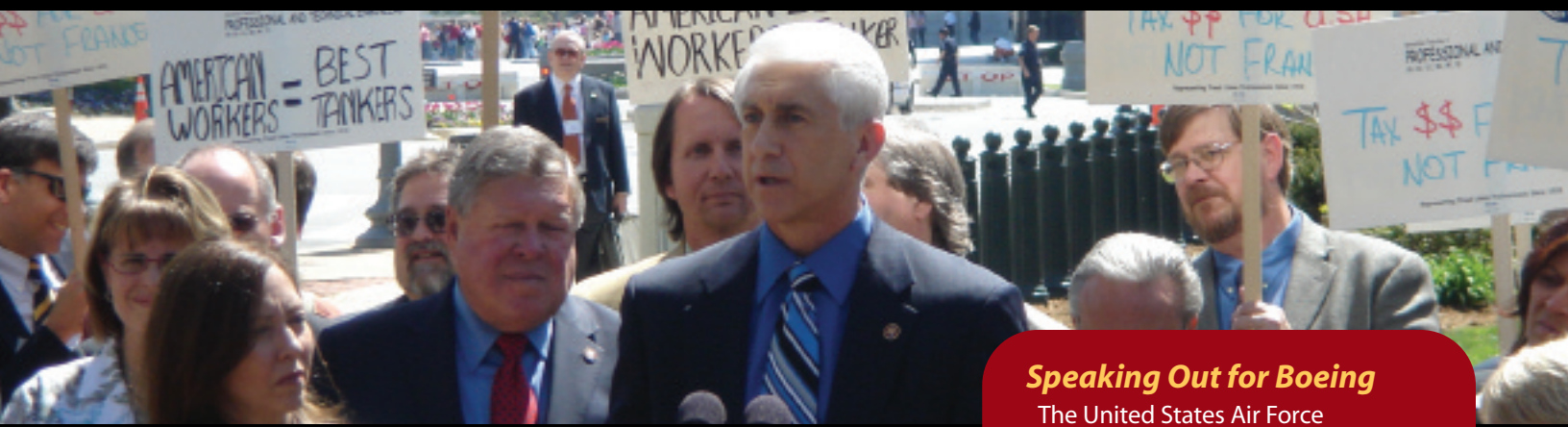


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# SPRING 2008 CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE



## Strengthening Our Economy .....

### Lowering Taxes for Washington Families

Dave Reichert is working to create jobs and lower taxes for individuals and Washington families, allowing them to keep more of their hard-earned money.

#### He is fighting to:

- Make the State Sales Tax Deduction permanent
- Make tax relief for married couples permanent
- Increase the Child Tax Credit and extend it to more families
- Make permanent the 15% Capital Gains Rate
- Repeal the Alternative Minimum Tax and the Death Tax

### Speaking Out for Boeing

The United States Air Force announced in February their choice to build the next generation of refueling tankers for our military, awarding a contract worth at least \$35 billion to a subsidized European company. Dave Reichert is outraged by this decision and alarmed by the trend of our national security being outsourced to foreign countries. Photo above: Dave Reichert, Rep. Norm Dicks and Sen. Maria Cantwell at a press conference speaking out against the Air Force's decision.

### What's an Earmark?

Tax dollars purposely set-aside in bills for specific projects. Some are good, but many are wasteful pork and the system by which they are put into bills has been abused for personal gain. Dave Reichert believes we need to reform this system.

## ..... Reforming the Earmark Process

### Stopping Wasteful Spending with Bold Change

Dave Reichert announced recently that he is not seeking congressional earmarks this year:

"My constituents did not send me to Congress to conduct business as usual. That's why I am taking this action—to set an example, to push the leaders on both sides of the aisle to recognize that enough is enough; and to emphasize that we must come together and reform Congress to create an earmark system that works, funding the projects that deserve support."

—Dave Reichert

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## Spring Congressional Update

### Traveling to Iraq

"The highlight of my trip was visiting with Washington State soldiers. Regardless of the political situation here at home, we must continue to share the message with our soldiers that they have our support. Their courage and sacrifice is never forgotten."  
—Dave Reichert

Dave Reichert visits with soldiers at the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry and Multi-national Division in Baghdad in September 2007.



## Taking Action for Our Veterans

### Fighting for Veterans' Benefits

Dave Reichert is committed to the brave men and women who have served our great nation. To ensure our veterans get the benefits they deserve, Dave Reichert:

- Introduced a veterans' **Employment Assistance Bill**, which unanimously passed the House and should be taken up in the Senate this year. The bill improves the government's responsiveness to the employment needs of the men and women who are willing to take time from their careers to serve our nation.
- Joined 170 bipartisan House members in helping to introduce a new G.I. Bill to improve and expand veterans' education benefits.

- Authored and saw signed into law his **Memorial Benefits Bill** ensuring all veterans will receive headstones or grave markers recognizing their service to our country at no cost to their families.
- Continues to hold **Veterans' Resource Fairs** throughout the district. So far Dave has held three Veterans' Resource Fairs with over 800 local veterans attending. These fairs provide an opportunity for veterans and their families to discover and discuss benefits available to them, ranging from health care services to financial assistance.

## Protecting Our Environment

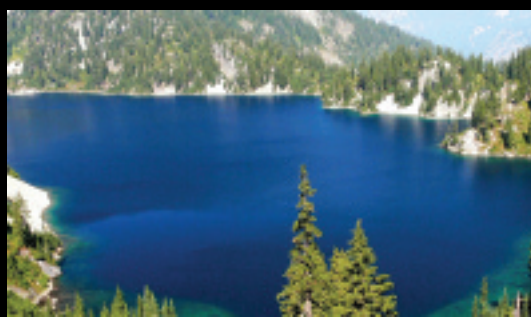
### Combating Climate Change

To reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gases through market-driven incentives, Dave Reichert:

- Cosponsored the **Climate Stewardship Act**, which cuts emissions steadily over time, reducing emissions below current levels within the next five years. This bill has a long-term target of reducing climate change pollution by 70 percent by 2050. It is market-based, "cap-and-trade" legislation.

### Promoting Conservation Efforts

- Cosponsored the Wild Sky Wilderness Act
- Voted against drilling in ANWR
- Introduced CAFE standards legislation
- Cosponsored legislation to develop plug-in hybrid technology
- Worked to keep oil tankers out of Elliott Bay
- Pushed for \$5.7 billion in new conservation funding in the Farm Bill
- Supported a \$211 million boost in funding for National Parks



### Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt Wild and Scenic River Legislation

Dave Reichert authored a bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area and designate the Pratt River as Wild and Scenic. It will expand the existing 394,000-acre wilderness by 22,100 acres to include important lower-elevation lands and complete watersheds.

## Bringing Health Care into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### Increasing Funds for Children's Emergency Medical Services

- Introduced and passed an amendment increasing funding by \$2.5 million for children's emergency medical services (H.R. 3043).

### Investing in Medical Research (NIH)

- Joined Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) as the lead Republican sponsor of an effort to increase across-the-board federal funding for the NIH by \$1.93 billion (6.7%) this year.

### Helping Our Children Get Quality Health Care

- Reichert's bill to help states, schools, and community organizations enroll more low-income children in health care safety-net programs was passed by the House as part of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) reauthorization.



**Dave Reichert is part of a small centrist working group focusing on health care reform and he founded the Congressional Children's Health Care Caucus.**

Photo to right: Reichert holds a drug-addicted newborn while touring the Pediatric Interim Care Center in Kent, where he discussed federal health care funding with doctors.

## Keeping Our Communities Safe

### Funding for Public Safety

- Dave Reichert got an amendment passed that cleared a backlog of death benefits for families of fallen officers and doubled the funding of the program.

### Fighting Domestic Violence

- Dave Reichert got an amendment passed to fully fund a program that helps courts keep victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse safe.

### Improving Our Intelligence Gathering

- Dave Reichert got an amendment passed for a \$10 million increase to fund the Department of Homeland Security Intelligence program that provides key information sharing with state and local officials.

### Funding for School Resource Officers

- Dave Reichert worked behind the scenes to include important funding for School Resource Officers.



**Dave Reichert was named Ranking Member on the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment.**

Dave Reichert visits with Bellevue police officers to discuss Homeland Security.