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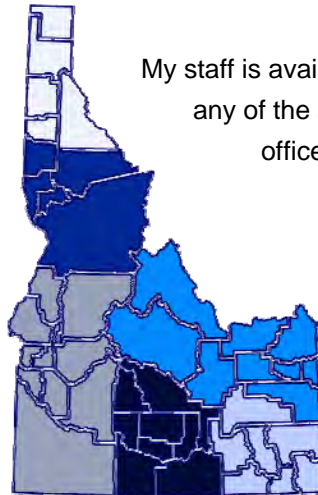


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A message from
United States Senator
Larry E. Craig
about key priorities
for Idaho
and the nation.

LEADERSHIP

“I believe in the constitutional principles of limited federal government, free enterprise, private property, and individual liberty and responsibility. I will defend these principles on behalf of the citizens of the state of Idaho, the West and the nation.”

Energy

I helped write and pass two energy bills that put the United States back in the business of producing energy in cleaner ways than ever before. Together, they will expand our capacity to generate energy, help build the infrastructure to keep our power rates competitive, increase the efficiency of our automobiles, and produce cleaner, homegrown bio-fuel to further reduce our dependence on foreign sources.

Fiscal Responsibility

I have always fought to keep taxes low and to eliminate wasteful spending. My position on the Senate Appropriations Committee enables me to advocate for Idaho's most critical needs within the limits of a responsible federal budget.

Senior Citizens

For more than a decade I have chaired and served on the Senate Aging Committee, pushing for constructive policies to improve and enhance the lives of older Americans. I have supported Medicare reforms that ensure seniors' access to health care and the program's sustainability over time.

Agriculture

I am advocating for policies that support Idaho's growing and evolving agricultural economy, including an increased focus on specialty crop policy, a solution for the agricultural labor crisis, and a sustainable renewable energy policy.

EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Assisted Idahoans in nearly **20,000 cases** over the last ten years, helping resolve disputes with the IRS, Social Security, and other agencies
- ✓ Held more than **300 town hall meetings** since 1990, an average of 17 per year, as well as field hearings, forums, and workshops
- ✓ Supported Idaho's **rural communities** by writing and enacting the County Payments law
- ✓ Secured more than \$2 billion to allow **Idaho National Laboratory** to lead the U.S. renaissance of nuclear power, including building the next generation nuclear plant in Idaho
- ✓ Increased the competitiveness of nursery crops and fruits, vegetables, tree nuts and dried fruits grown in the United States, by writing and passing the **Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act**
- ✓ Secured nearly \$223 million for **Mountain Home Air Force Base** and Gowen Field since 2002 to stabilize the military presence in Idaho
- ✓ Improved services for **veterans** through a new VA Regional Office in Boise, new VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics in Caldwell and Coeur d'Alene, and expanded service in Lewiston
- ✓ Led in developing and passing the Adoption and Safe Families Act to help promote **adoption** and correct problems in the foster care system
- ✓ Secured over \$25 million for safe and **clean drinking water** systems in Idaho since 2002
- ✓ Developed and passed the Noxious Weed Control Act to **eradicate invasive weeds** and protect Idaho's land from their devastation
- ✓ Helped prevent wildfire and protect communities adjacent to public lands by sponsoring and passing the **Healthy Forests Initiative**

COMMITMENT

2008 is a political year, but I'm hoping to make it an effective legislative year, as well. Here are some of the **priorities on my agenda** for the current Congress:

I will conclude nearly three decades of working for secure, affordable and clean energy in the United States by leading the debate on **energy independence**—what it means for our country and how we can realistically get there.

From my position on the Veterans Affairs Committee, I will follow through on projects I've undertaken to serve **Idaho's veterans**—improving their access to health care and making sure they receive the benefits they deserve.

Economic policy hits every American in the wallet, and I pledge to work to rein in wasteful spending, keep our taxes low, and **block a recession**. In 28 years of Congressional service, I have never voted to increase taxes, and I won't start now.

The primary responsibility of all who serve in Congress is national security. This year I will continue to push for federal policies that **secure America**, defend our borders and promote beneficial trade agreements.

Key Idaho concerns remain key concerns of mine as the U.S. Senate develops and debates federal legislation affecting agriculture and natural resources. I will be doing all I can to keep Idaho agriculture strong and growing, reform our nation's mining laws, and protect Idaho's water rights.

“**Idaho** is my home—this is where my grandparents homesteaded the family ranch in 1899, and it's where my grandchildren are growing up today. As long as I serve in the United States Senate, I will fight to protect the quality of life that is uniquely Idaho.”