

Is your money being
wasted by Congress on
pork barrel spending?

*Bold Change
on Earmarks.*



Dave Reichert discusses issues before Congress with a Washington family.

“ It is time to change the way things are done in Congress. That’s why I support a moratorium on earmarks, which have led to wasteful spending of your money. ”

—Dave Reichert



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Stopping Wasteful Spending

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

"My constituents did not elect me to conduct business as usual. That's why I am taking this action—to set an example, to push the leaders in both parties 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

WHAT'S AN EARMARK?

Earmarks are items inserted into congressional spending 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.**

LAWMAKER TAKES BOLD AND PROPER STAND AGAINST WASTEFUL SPENDING

Members of Congress often make themselves popular with the voters by securing funding for pet projects that benefit their congressional district or state.

Unfortunately, the money secured for these pet projects -- euphemistically called "earmarks" in the Capitol -- can too often result in unnecessary, wasteful spending of tax dollars.

Last week...Dave Reichert... joined a small group of lawmakers who are voluntarily taking a one-year break from the earmark gravy train. [They] made it clear their decision to shun the grab for pork is a way to protest a system they said hurts taxpayers and encourages corruption.

(Excerpts from the *Union-Bulletin* Editorial, 3/20/08)



Watch Dave's video on changing the earmark system! Visit

◀ <http://reichert.house.gov>

"It is time to change the way things are done in Congress. That is why I've cosponsored legislation to impose a one-year moratorium on earmarks, and create a bipartisan commission to look at how we can fix what has become a broken earmark system. A system that wastes taxpayer dollars and has been abused for personal gain."

—Dave Reichert



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