

CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT

PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

- ◆ **Fighting for COLA Extensions:** Cosponsor of legislation giving seniors a \$250 COLA extension in 2010 for Social Security recipients (*H.R. 3691, 10.01.09*).
- ◆ **Making Health Care More Affordable:** Cosponsor of legislation giving tax credits to families and individuals for the purchase of health insurance and tax deductions for the cost of additional premiums (*H.R. 5784, 7.28.08*).
- ◆ **Reducing Health Care Costs for Seniors:** Helped introduce legislation that eliminates the 20% co-pay Medicare beneficiaries pay for mammograms and colonoscopies (*5.6.09*).
- ◆ **Shoring up the Safety Net:** Protected 133,000 Washington seniors from losing their Medicare health plans and opposed cuts that could jeopardize seniors' access to dialysis, hospice care, home health benefits, and power wheelchairs. Protected Washington hospitals and doctors from funding cuts, and successfully fought for new resources for community health centers (*RC#787, 8.1.07; RC#372, 6.4.08*).
- ◆ **Reducing Seniors' Drug Costs:** Fought to protect seniors from a reduction in their access to needed prescription drugs and families and veterans from significant price hikes in their prescription medication (*RC #22, 1.12.07*).

"Thank you for your leadership on children's health... [and] for your ongoing work to enhance coverage opportunities for kids in our state."

~ Health Coalition for Children and Youth (HCCY)