



# Representative Steve Kirby

## 29th District

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Dear Neighbor,

The 2012 legislative session is over and – contrary to what you may have heard in the media – it was actually very productive. If you believed everything you heard on the news, you’d think that the supplemental budget was the only thing on our agenda, and it took us three months just to get that one thing done. Not true. Not even close.

We passed 279 bills addressing issues ranging from increasing fines and penalties for “pimps,” “johns,” and drunk drivers, to regulating red-light cameras. And while we were at it, we passed a supplemental budget that makes no cuts to education and saves the social safety net, and we adopted the “Jobs Now” Act that puts 22,000 people to work all around the state.

Like many of you, I was really disappointed when we had to go into special session to pass the supplemental budget. In fact, the various budget proposals were never all that far apart, and the bulk of the special session was spent dealing with a list of partisan political demands by the Senate Republican “coalition” that had nothing to do with the supplemental budget.

As Chairman of the House Business and Financial Services Committee, I spent the bulk of my time this year working on consumer-protection legislation, including:

- Continued funding of the Mortgage Lending Fraud Prosecution Account.
- Cracking down on unlicensed and improperly licensed predatory lenders.
- Tightening up regulations on collection agencies, insurance companies and others.

I also worked to relax overzealous government regulations that prevented certain types of businesses from operating in this state, including a company in Tacoma that was able to rehire 50 workers who were laid off as a result of excessive, unreasonable government regulations.

As your representative in state government, it’s my job to fight against unfair tax increases, expand opportunities to stimulate our economy and create new family-wage jobs, and insist on accountability in state government to ensure that our hard-earned tax dollars are spent wisely. I’ll continue to fight for your right to feel safe at home, at school, at work, and in your neighborhood. And I’ll keep trying to figure out ways to give every student the best possible education at our public schools, colleges and universities.

And above all, I’ll keep working to put people ahead of partisan politics because that’s what it takes to get things done. It’s a job that never ends, and I’ll do my best to keep you posted on how things are going. Stay tuned.

Best wishes,

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