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2016 Update



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your state legislators, we are constantly striving for opportunity, safety and prosperity for all the people of Spokane and the state of Washington. We are pleased to share this legislative update with you. Please contact us anytime if you need information or have any questions. It is an honor to serve you.

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Opportunity

“Our goal is to ensure Spokane continues to be a vibrant place to live, work, learn and play.”

— Sen. Andy Billig

- During the 2016 Legislative session, we increased educational opportunity by creating a new college savings plan, improving services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, and investing in strategies to close the educational opportunity gap for low-income students and students of color.



- To support, improve and provide opportunity in our community, we funded important programs and organizations like the Corbin Senior Center, the Women & Children's Free Restaurant, the NEWTECH Skill Center,

and the Museum of Arts and Culture.

- Going forward, we will continue to focus on increasing access to high-quality early learning, keeping college affordable, and ensuring that the state has met its constitutional and moral obligation to fully fund basic education.



Public Safety

“Everyone should feel safe in our community and our most vulnerable citizens need to be taken care of.”

— Rep. Timm Ormsby

- For some, “public safety” simply brings to mind effective police work and secure prisons. But in Olympia, we remind our colleagues that public safety means much more.
- Families with access to livable, affordable housing are safer. Good health care makes us safer. Strong public schools, living-wage jobs, a clean environment . . . these all contribute to our quality of life, and they have to be included when we talk about public safety.
- As a team, we continually push to have these priorities reflected in every conversation, and in every state budget. We're happy to say we succeeded this year.



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Prosperity

“Smart investments in health care, transportation, and local infrastructure boost our economy and fuel a stronger, healthier Spokane.”

— Rep. Marcus Riccelli

- The Legislature invested over \$1 billion in Spokane area transportation projects that will yield big dividends in jobs and infrastructure. Spokane gets a great return on its money -- for every \$1 we pay in transportation taxes, we will get back \$1.30 for our region. The projects recently funded include completion of the North Spokane Corridor to I-90, the U-District Gateway Bridge and Central City Line transit project, providing jobs for years.
- Our under-served areas must have access to doctors. The new WSU Medical School will help, so we've begun the funding process, and are on track to start training new doctors next year. The medical school will bring tens of millions in medical research dollars to our community.
- But we must keep fighting for middle-class families who struggle to get by. Equal pay for women, accommodations for pregnant workers, paid sick and safe leave for all employees: It's time we put middle-class families first.

