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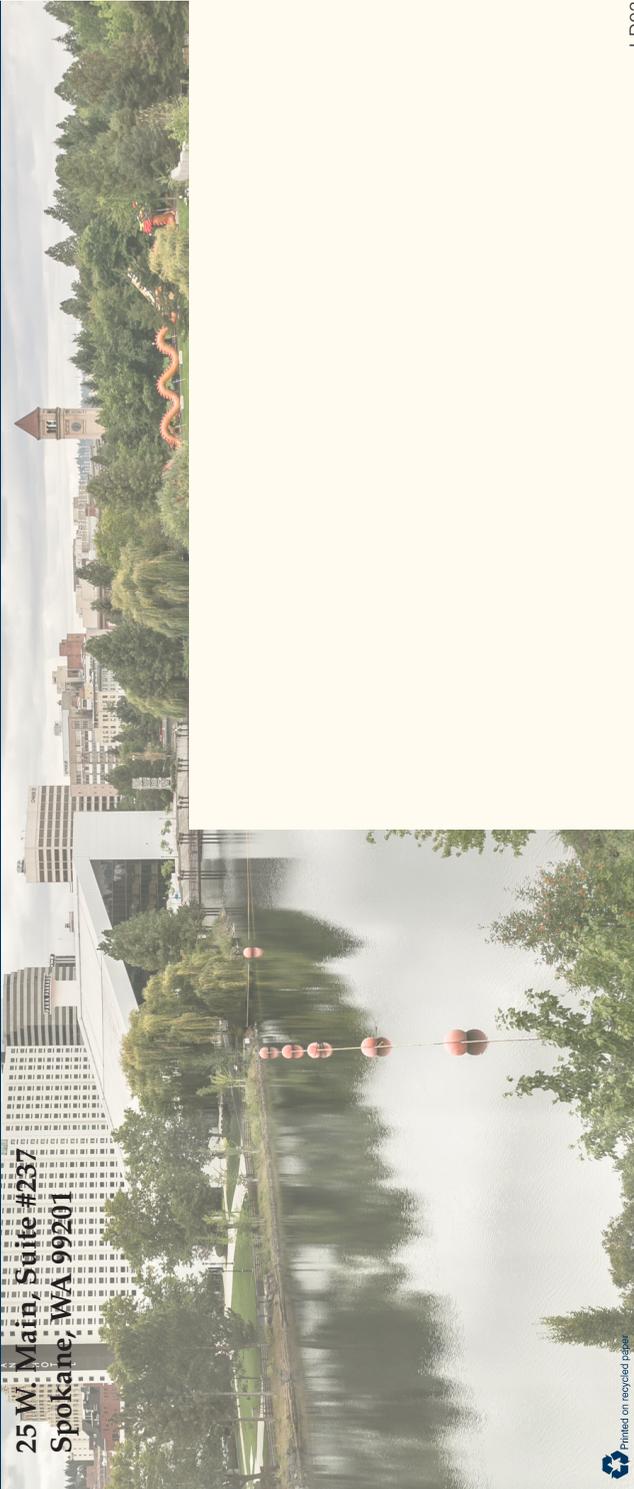
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2017 Update



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor for us to represent Spokane in the state Legislature. Our priority is to ensure your voice is heard and is at the forefront of discussion when developing statewide policy. We are pleased to share this 2017 update with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a comment, idea or questions.

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Opportunity

“We have produced an education plan that delivers for all of Washington’s children so they have the tools they need to achieve their fullest potential.” – Sen. Andy Billig

- This year, the Legislature passed a historic K-12 plan that invests \$7.3 billion into our schools, supports vital programs aimed at closing the opportunity gap, maintains local control, and increases salaries and salary equity for educators so we can attract and retain the best possible teachers for our kids.



- The Legislature increased access to State Need Grants and limited tuition increases so more of our state’s students can go to college.

- We know that high quality early

learning programs are proven to be one of the best investments we can make to help improve the trajectory of a child’s life. So, the Legislature this year invested in improved quality and increased access to early learning programs statewide.



Values

“We approached the budget by putting families first, and stood strong against attacks on workers and the most vulnerable.” – Rep. Timm Ormsby

- A state budget is made up of numbers, but it’s really about people – children in our schools, students in our colleges, people struggling with mental health issues, youth in foster care, senior citizens and people with disabilities who rely on critical services. Every line item in the budget impacts real people, and we never forgot that.

- The budget we passed this year reflects our core values as a state, investing in opportunity, supporting families in need, and protecting the most vulnerable in our communities.



- We also stopped harmful cuts proposed to homelessness programs, food assistance for needy families, and public safety, among others. Instead, we balanced the budget sustainably with new revenue agreed to by both sides of the aisle.



Prosperity

“As our economy keeps growing and creating jobs, we must ensure ALL families share in the prosperity.” – Rep. Marcus Riccelli

- Our new state transportation budget moves Spokane forward and creates good-paying jobs in our community. From the North Spokane Corridor and the Central City Line, to replacing Riverfront Park’s Triangle Truss Bridge, we’re investing a total of \$125 million in local transportation projects over the next two years.

- Spokane will produce more physicians and invest in healthcare access: WSU’s new medical school welcomes its inaugural 60 students this fall, joined by 60 more in 2018. We also fund enhanced dental benefits for Medicaid-insured adults with diabetes and pregnant women in a program piloted in Spokane County.



- On a bipartisan basis, we passed the nation’s most forward-thinking paid family leave law this year. Beginning in 2020, workers in our state will be able to take up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for a new baby or aging parent.

