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Legislative Update

30th Legislative District

Neighbors,

It's an honor to serve as your state representative. Now that this year's legislative session has wrapped up, I invite you to keep reading for an update on our work. You'll find more information inside about bills we passed to help our state recover from the pandemic, ensure people are safe and supported, and expand access to behavioral health care.

Everyone deserves to come out of this pandemic better than they went into it. That's why we passed budgets to support students, workers and families, including by:

- Hiring more school counselors, nurses, psychologists and social workers
- Increasing utility assistance and providing more funds for rent assistance
- Expanding education opportunities and tuition assistance for nurses
- Creating a new state student loan program with a 1% interest rate

We also made investments in small businesses and public safety, and passed legislation I introduced to make sure people with developmental disabilities and their families can access both employment and community services. More on all that inside!

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Sincerely,

Jamila Taylor



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INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We have to make sure our state is a place for small businesses to thrive and entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses, especially as we continue to face the economic fallout of COVID-19. That's why we passed a budget that provides: **a business tax credit** for 70% of our small business; \$100 million in assistance for the hardest hit restaurants and other hospitality businesses; and \$39 million in grants to local chambers of commerce, main streets and other organizations to **help meet community economic needs**.



As a result of my advocacy, there's also funding for the **Federal Way Chamber of Commerce** to support economic recovery efforts in South King County and to preserve **Pattison's West Skating Center** in Federal Way and incorporate it into a campus that serves seniors and families, expands retail opportunities and has an outdoor community space.

PROVIDING FAIR, EQUITABLE & ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY

Ensuring we're training enough cadets from our law enforcement academy, funding independent investigations and improving our criminal justice system is how we provide the **fair, equitable and accessible public safety** families deserve. Our budget:



- Adds more Basic Law Enforcement Academy classes
- Funds the new Office of Independent Investigations
- Funds additional mental health resources for law enforcement
- Expands domestic violence and sexual assault response
- Funds a training and certification program for 911 operators
- Modernizes the 911 emergency response system

I also advocated for funding for youth violence prevention hubs in South King County, expanded legal services for sexual assault survivors and crisis responders on bus lines.

Additionally, to address the growing problem of catalytic converter theft, I voted for legislation to target the places where stolen catalytic converters are sold and provide law enforcement with more resources to crack down on this crime.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES



You deserve to know that if you or a loved one need help, it's there for you. We're working to build up our behavioral health system to focus on **treatment, care and recovery**. Instead of crowding jails, we need a system that connects people with resources. This year's budgets invest in that vision. Some of those investments include:

- \$100 million to support behavioral health providers
- \$72 million for residential crisis triage and stabilization facilities
- \$35 million for crisis, outreach and diversion programs
- \$23 million to expand opioid response programs and supports

We can't wait until people hit rock bottom and need to be hospitalized before we provide them with treatment. That's why I also introduced a bill to **improve access to community-based treatment** for people with serious behavioral health issues and make it easier for families to get their loved one's care when they need it, without hospitalization.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

People with developmental disabilities and their families **deserve access to all the resources they need to thrive**. As part of my work with self-advocates from the North Star Project, I introduced two bills that passed the Legislature with bipartisan support.



The first, HB 1980, removes the ban on Developmental Disabilities Administration clients participating in both employment and community access services at the same time, because nobody should have to choose between supports for working and supports for engaging in their community. The second, HB 2008, eliminates the use of IQ scores in determining whether people with developmental disabilities are eligible for programs and services.

I also led a coordinated, bipartisan effort to secure developmental disability-related funding to provide school-to-work transition services, expand supportive housing options, boost rates for community engagement providers, increase efforts to address racial and ethnic disparities impacting access to services, and expand benefits planning training for attorneys and other professionals to help individuals keep their public benefits while working.