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Dear Neighbors,

The Washington State Legislature recently concluded a historic legislative session. As we all work together to create a robust and sustained recovery from the pandemic, we have never been prouder to represent the people of Spokane.

Please see inside for highlights from the session.

— Andy, Timm & Marcus

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2021 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

SUPPORTING A STRONG ECONOMY

Supported more than **12,000 small businesses** with assistance grants.

Funded the **Working Families Tax Credit** to put money back in the pockets of families who need it.

Reduced unemployment tax liability by **\$1.7 billion** for small businesses most impacted by the pandemic.

Provided **\$1.6 billion** in rental assistance for tenants and landlords to keep people safe and housed.

Historic state-wide investments in **broadband** expansion & reliability.



CREATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Passed landmark childcare legislation – The Fair Start Act – to make **high-quality childcare more affordable & accessible** for families in Spokane and across the state.

Historic investments in **public health infrastructure** to bolster our state's ability to defeat COVID-19 and be better prepared for the next emergency.

Funding to complete the WСУ's **Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine** school expansion.

Worked to reduce the **costs of prescription medications** for Washington consumers.

Improved **public health boards** by requiring more balanced representation.

Expanded **food assistance programs** so children don't go hungry.



INVESTING IN SPOKANE'S FUTURE

Highlighted projects from the 2021 capital construction budget:

- Joya Child & Family Development Center (formerly the Guild School)
- NATIVE Project Youth Behavioral Health Services Building
- MLK Community Center
- New EWU Science Building
- WSU Spokane Health Sciences Building Phase 2
- SFCC Applied Arts Building
- Feast World Kitchen
- Felts Field Gateway Project
- Museum of Arts and Culture
- Volunteers of America Crosswalk 2.0
- Spokane Public Radio Tower
- Proclaim Liberty Housing Complex



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ADVANCING EQUITY & RACIAL JUSTICE

Passed a dozen **police accountability policies** designed to build community trust, increase state oversight, and raise standards for police conduct.

Adopted the **HEAL ACT** to address the disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards suffered by communities of color and low-income communities that lead to a higher risk of adverse health outcomes.

Established **Juneteenth** as a legal holiday.

Passed historic funding for Washington's **Immigrant Relief Fund**.

Increased **support for counselors** at high-poverty schools.



CLEANER AIR AND WATER

Joined our West Coast neighbors by adopting a **clean fuel standard** to reduce carbon emissions and pollution.

Increased support for **Spokane River Toxics Taskforce**, a collective effort to protect our river, and secured \$5.1 million for the Cochran Basin Stormwater Project.

A tripling of the investment in the **"No Child Left Inside"** program to fund grants connecting underserved youth to nature.

Increased funding for **forest health and wildfire suppression and prevention**.

