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2024 Legislative Wins: Protecting Workers, Ending Gun Violence and Saving Our Planet



Governor Inslee signs gun safety bills into law

END GUN VIOLENCE

My life changed forever on Jan. 8, 2011, when the nation watched in horror as a gunman shot my boss and mentor former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, our staff and constituents. My friend and colleague Gabe Zimmerman was killed. Five other people died.

I've been a champion for ending gun violence in the legislature and we've delivered. This year my bill to require lost or stolen firearms to be reported to law enforcement within 24-hours (HB 1903) became law in addition to measures to require gun dealers to keep their inventory safe and secure and to prohibit firearms in public libraries, zoos, aquariums and transit stations. These build on our huge wins over the past few years to ban the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines as well as legislation I wrote to implement a 10-day waiting period and mandatory safety training for all firearm purchases and to ban untraceable, homemade 'ghost guns.' I won't stop fighting to keep our communities safe.

PROTECT WORKERS

As Chair of the House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee, I'm proud to stand up for working families. I led on efforts to combat wage theft, one of the most common crimes in the U.S., by passing a law to create a wage recovery fund for workers (HB 2097). We also updated construction crane safety standards (HB 2022) in response to the 2019 tragedy in South Lake Union that killed four people. My work to expand access to Washington's Paid Family and Medical Leave program continued with the passage of HB 2102 which will prevent delays in benefits for workers. And we built on Washington's first-in-the-nation laws to protect rideshare drivers by allowing surviving family members of drivers killed on the job access to death benefits so they can make ends meet (HB 2382).

These are a few of my favorite investments we secured for our community: ❤️

- **\$5.6M** for roof replacement at Whittier Elementary School
- **\$4M** for Aurora Avenue North safety improvements
- **\$500,000** for streetscaping around the new Seattle Storm practice center in Interbay
- **\$400,000** to build the new Ocean Pavilion at the Seattle Aquarium



Riding the Washington State Ferries with Rep. Julia Reed

CLIMATE ACTION

The effects of climate change have far-reaching consequences for Washingtonians and the natural world. As a member of the Environment & Energy Committee and a mom of two young kids, I'm proud of our work to protect children's health and promote cleaner air by adopting legislation to replace diesel school buses with electric alternatives. Our supplemental transportation budget funds electric vehicle charging infrastructure, public transit, pedestrian safety infrastructure and new electric ferries. We also passed a groundbreaking initiative to link Washington's carbon market with California and Quebec and cut methane gases in our state by diverting food and yard waste from landfills.