

Voters statewide need to learn how Patty Murray is leading the fight to lower prescription drug prices for Washington seniors and families, getting a bill signed into law that forces pharmaceutical companies to negotiate with Medicare and caps seniors' insulin costs at \$35 a month—while Tiffany Smiley opposed this legislation to help seniors, but wants to extend the Trump-era tax cuts that overwhelmingly benefited the very wealthiest.

Patty Murray Is Leading The Fight To Lower Prescription Drug Prices For Washington Seniors And Families...

June 2022: Murray Announced That The Senate Health, Education, Labor, And Pensions Committee Voted To Pass A Bipartisan Deal To Establish Safe Drug Importation From Canada To Lower Drug Costs. According to a press release from U.S. Senator Patty Murray, “Today, U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Chair of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, released the following statement on the HELP Committee voting to pass a bipartisan deal to establish safe drug importation from Canada which she negotiated as part of the FDA Safety and Landmark Advancements (FDASLA) Act. ‘People across Washington state have been calling for Congress to get this done so they can afford the drugs they need—it’s my job to make their voices heard right here in Congress and to take meaningful steps to implement safe drug importation that will help lower costs. This is a watershed moment—because it will meaningfully bring down drug prices and open the door to further progress on this important issue. I’m glad I was able to work with Senator Burr and Senator Sanders on the policy we passed out of Committee today. And I’m going to keep working in a bipartisan way to get this signed into law, and make safe drug importation a reality for families across the country.’ [U.S. Senator Patty Murray, Press Release, [6/14/22](#)]

- **The Importation Provision Established Safe Drug Importation From Canada By Working With The FDA To Remove Barriers That Prevented Drug Importation In The Past And Ensuring That Imported Drugs Were The Same As Those Available Domestically.** According to a press release from U.S. Senator Patty Murray, “The importation provision in FDASLA negotiated by Senator Murray would establish safe drug importation from Canada by: removing barriers that have prevented personal importation in the past and paving the way for FDA to establish a program for importation of prescription drugs for personal use—while ensuring the drugs are the same safe and effective drugs available domestically; building on work FDA has begun to expand commercial importation of less costly prescription drugs from Canada by states, Indian Tribes, and other groups; and giving FDA the tools it needs to quickly address any importation program that poses a risk to public health and safety.” [U.S. Senator Patty Murray, Press Release, [6/14/22](#)]

2022: Murray Co-Sponsored Legislation That Would Cap The Cost Of Insulin At \$35 A Month. The New York Times reported, “A bill to limit the cost of insulin to \$35 a month for most Americans who depend on it passed the House on Thursday, raising Democrats’ hopes that the party could take at least one step toward fulfilling its promise of lowering drug costs. [...] Senator Patty Murray, Democrat of Washington and the chairwoman of the Senate’s Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, is a co-sponsor of similar insulin legislation in her chamber. She said she remained committed to passing a full suite of prescription drug price reforms, but that she viewed the insulin issue as particularly urgent. ‘We’re focused on insulin, because it affects so many Americans in so many specific ways,’ she said.” [New York Times, 3/31/22]

- **Murray Spoke At A Virtual Roundtable With Co-Sponsor Sen. Raphael Warnock To Discuss The Rising Cost Of Insulin.** KNDO 23 reported, “While Governor Jay Inslee signed a bill in March temporarily capping insulin costs, Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash.) is pushing for permanent insulin cost caps by supporting the Affordable Insulin Now Act. The act was introduced

by Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.) and would permanently cap insulin costs at \$35 per month. The two senators attended a virtual roundtable on March 31 discussing the decrease in price for lifesaving drugs. At the end, Murray cited insulin prices tripling over the last decade. 'But it's not like the insulin is three times better—it's the same product—drug companies just keep jacking the price up to reap bigger benefits,' said Murray. 'The harsh reality is, the cost of insulin isn't just out of control—it is devastating families. It is bankrupting them. It is hurting patients. And it has to stop.'" [KNDO 23, 4/1/22]

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Murray Helped Pass The "No Surprises Act," Which Prohibited Surprise Medical Billing As Of January 1, 2022. According to a press release from the office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray, "Senator Murray worked with her colleagues to draft and pass the No Surprises Act. The legislation prohibits surprise billing as of January 1, 2022 and establishes a fair payment dispute resolution process that protects patients from unexpected costs." [U.S. Senator Patty Murray, Press Release, [1/3/22](#)]

- **According To A Report By AHIP And The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, The No Surprises Act Prevented Two Million Surprise Medical Bills In The First Two Months Of 2022 And Would Prevent More Than 12 Million Surprise Medical Bills Through The End Of The Year.** Forbes reported, "After implementation delays and a number of court battles, the No Surprises Act is now in effect—and it's already having an impact, according to an analysis published this week. The new report, produced by AHIP (a national association of U.S. health insurance plans) and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), showed that two million potential surprise bills were avoided in the first two months of 2022. If that trend continues, more than 12 million surprise bills will be prevented throughout the year." [Forbes, 5/27/22]

2021: Murray Fought For Provisions Of The Build Back Better Act That Would Give Medicare The Power To Negotiate Lower Drug Prices, Cap Drug Costs For Seniors And People With Disabilities, And Cap Insulin Costs. According to a press release from the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions, "Today, U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, released the following statement on the House bill's inclusion of provisions to lower drug costs and allow Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices. 'I've been pressing on this issue for years. This deal represents a long overdue first step on Medicare negotiation that will help patients across the country save money on their prescriptions. It will give Medicare new power to negotiate lower drug prices and new tools to fight back when drug companies try to jack prices up, it will bring down the cost of insulin which so many are struggling with to \$35 a dose, and it will create a new \$2,000 a year cap on seniors' and people with disabilities' out-of-pocket prescription drug costs. 'There's certainly more work ahead to build on this, but the provision in the House bill represents a meaningful step to bring down drug costs—and one an overwhelming majority of Americans want us to take.' The provisions in the House's Build Back Better bill would - Give Medicare new power to negotiate lower prices for drugs -

Force drug companies to pay a rebate to Medicare if they increase their prices faster than inflation -
Cap out of pocket prescription drug costs for seniors and people with disabilities at \$2,000 per year -
Cap insulin costs at \$35 per dose.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions,
[11/3/21](#)]

2021: Murray Co-Sponsored The “Empowering Medicare Seniors To Negotiate Drug Prices Act” To Allow Medicare To Negotiate The Best Drug Prices For Seniors. According to a press release from United States Senator Amy Klobuchar, “U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Representative Peter Welch (D-VT) reintroduced the Empowering Medicare Seniors to Negotiate Drug Prices Act to allow Medicare to negotiate the best price of prescription drugs for seniors enrolled in Medicare Part D. Current law only allows for bargaining by pharmaceutical companies, not Medicare. By harnessing the bargaining power of the nearly 46 million seniors enrolled in the program, Medicare could negotiate bigger discounts from pharmaceutical companies. This bill is co-sponsored by 32 other senators. [...] This legislation is cosponsored by Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Chris Coons (D-DE), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Angus King (I-ME), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Patty Murray (D-WA), Gary Peters (D-MI), Jack Reed (D-RI), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Tina Smith (D-MN), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Mark Warner (D-VA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).” [United States Senator Amy Klobuchar, Press Release, [3/22/21](#)]

2019: Murray Introduced Two Bipartisan Bills Targeting The Cost Of Prescription Drugs. The Seattle Times reported, “Last week, Murray introduced a pair of bills targeting the cost of prescription drugs. She and Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., introduced the Lower Health Care Cost Act of 2019, which would help make it easier for lower-cost generic drugs to get to markets, change how drug prices are settled on and negotiated, and reduce out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs. Murray teamed up with Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, for the Second Look at Drug Patents Act of 2019. That bill addresses ‘patent evergreening,’ which is when a drug company makes a change to its drug to keep other companies from making generic versions.” [Seattle Times, 6/6/19]

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Murray Helped Pass The Inflation Reduction Act Which Would Lower Health Care Costs And Invest In Climate Action. "Today, U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act, a historic piece of legislation that will lower health care costs and deliver the largest-ever investment in climate action—lowering energy costs, promoting energy independence, and creating good-paying jobs. The Inflation Reduction Act is fully paid for by ensuring the very wealthiest and giant corporations simply pay their fair share and would actually reduce the deficit by more than \$300 billion. 'No one should have to worry about whether they can afford the health care or medicine they need. This bill will finally give Medicare power to force drug companies to the bargaining table and negotiate lower drug prices for patients across the country. And for seniors who are often on fixed incomes: we are going to cap the price of insulin at just \$35 per month, cap out-of-pocket costs, and we are stopping big pharma from jacking up the cost of their drugs—forcing them to limit price increases to inflation,' said Senator Murray of the Inflation Reduction Act's prescription drug provisions. 'Lifesaving medicine doesn't do any good if people can't afford it—and this legislation makes meaningful progress toward making sure people don't have to empty their savings account just so they can fill their prescription.'" [Senator Murray Official Senate Website, Press Release, [8/7/22](#)]

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Tiffany Smiley Opposed This Legislation To Help Seniors

Smiley Spoke Out Against The Inflation Reduction Act. "Thousands of people gathered at the White House Tuesday as President Joe Biden celebrated passage of the Inflation Reduction Act. 'Welcome to the White House, everybody. This law is for you,' Biden said to the crowd of roughly 5,000 invited guests gathered on the South Lawn. 'We're getting the job done for the American people and we're just getting started.' [...] Republicans voted against the bill and GOP candidates are railing against it. 'In fact, it's not something to be celebrated, it's something to have caution and to make sure we rein in the out of control spending,' said Tiffany Smiley, Republican Senate candidate in Washington." [KIRO 7, [9/13/22](#)]

Smiley Wants To Extend The Trump-Era Tax Cuts That Overwhelmingly Benefited The Very Wealthiest

Smiley: “I Look Forward To Ensuring We Permanently Extend The 2017 Tax Cuts.” SMILEY: I look forward to ensuring we permanently extend the 2017 tax cuts. [Fox Business, Kudlow, [8/22/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Smiley’s Campaign Endorsed “Permanently Extending The 2017 Tax Cuts.” According to Smiley for Washington, “WE CAN ACHIEVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY BY: [...] Permanently extending the 2017 tax cuts for the middle class and paying for it by permanently extending the cap on state and local (SALT) deductions, preventing the rich in high-tax states like California from lowering their tax bills.” [Smiley for Washington, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

Trumps’ Tax Cuts Were A Massive Giveaway To Wealthy Individuals And Corporations

The House Budget Committee Slammed Trump’s Tax Cut, Claiming They Were “Deficit-Financed Tax Cuts For The Wealthy... On Track To Cost Nearly \$2 Trillion And... Blow Up The Deficit To Heights Not Usually Seen Outside Of Recessions And Major World Wars.” According to Budget.house.gov, “President Trump’s latest budget fails the American people and takes a wrecking ball to America’s economic future. This President and his Congressional Republican allies have always prioritized special interests and the rich and powerful over the health, safety, and economic security of American families, and this budget continues their misplaced allegiance. The President’s deficit-financed tax cuts for the wealthy are on track to cost nearly \$2 trillion and did little except blow up the deficit to heights not usually seen outside of recessions and major world wars. Meanwhile, America’s real economy also faces serious deficits: aging infrastructure, skyrocketing health care costs, widening student achievement gaps, and a warming climate. It is clear we must make bolder investments in American families and our nation’s future – especially now, while interest rates are low. But the President refuses to let facts and evidence sway him. Instead, once again, his budget squanders opportunities to lay the groundwork for a more productive and equitable economy.” [Budget.house.gov, [2/10/20](#)]

NYT: “If You Read The Headlines, The Spoils Of The Republican Tax Plan Will Disproportionately Benefit The Wealthy...And That’s True: Any Back-Of-The-Envelope Math Shows That In Both Dollar Terms And In Percentage Terms, The Largest Tax Cuts Clearly Benefit The Rich.” According to The New York Times’ Dealbook, “If you read the headlines, the spoils of the Republican tax plan will disproportionately benefit the wealthy. It’s been called a ‘tax cut for the rich,’ ‘a Christmas gift for the wealthy’ and more. And that’s true: Any back-of-the-envelope math shows that in both dollar terms and in percentage terms, the largest tax cuts clearly benefit the rich.” [New York Times, Dealbook, 12/18/17]

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” The Washington Post reported, “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The December 2017 Tax Legislation Would Cost Over \$1 Trillion Over The Next Decade And “Deliver Windfall Gains To Wealthy Households And Profitable Corporations,” Further Widening The Gap Between The Wealthiest And The Rest Of The Country. According to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, “The major tax legislation[1] enacted last December will cost approximately \$1.5 trillion over the next decade and deliver windfall gains to wealthy households and profitable corporations, further widening the gap between those at the top of the income ladder and the rest of the nation.[2] By shrinking revenues, it will leave the nation less prepared to address the retirement of the baby boom generation and other national needs that will require more revenue. Moreover, the complex, hastily drafted legislation will likely trigger a surge in tax gaming that could pose a risk to the integrity of the U.S. tax system, as wealthy taxpayers and corporations exploit newly created loopholes that tax experts have already identified and uncover other loopholes that the hasty drafting unwittingly created.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/9/18](#)]

Center For American Progress: Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Favored Wealthy Americans. “On December 22, 2017, President Donald Trump signed into law the so-called Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), a \$1.9 trillion tax bill favoring corporations and wealthy Americans. At its heart is a large cut in the corporate tax rate. ‘Corporations are literally going wild over this,’ Trump said upon signing the bill. He predicted that the corporate tax cut would cause a boom in business investment and that factories are ‘not going to be abandoned any longer.’” [Center for American Progress, [12/19/19](#)]

Center For American Progress On 2017 Tax Cuts: “Large Corporate Tax Windfalls Have Gone Mostly Toward Lining The Pockets Of Already Wealthy Individuals.” “It has been two full years since Congress passed the TCJA, and it is increasingly clear that the bill will not live up to its proponents’ exaggerated promises. Indeed, the tax cut has accomplished much less and cost much more than its proponents promised. Based on previously debunked economic theory, the bill will reduce revenues by trillions of dollars over the decade. So far, the large corporate tax windfalls have gone mostly toward lining the pockets of already wealthy individuals, and there is little evidence that middle- and working-class families will see real benefits. At this point, the last thing the U.S. economy needs is more corporate tax cuts such as those that White House Chief of Staff Mulvaney suggested. Congress should work to reverse this trend of costly and ineffective cuts to corporations and put in place legislation that raises revenues in a progressive way.” [Center for American Progress, [12/19/19](#)]

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Because Of The CHIPS Act, A Chip Manufacturer Planned To Invest \$15 Million Into Research At The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. “Senator Murray was joined by Dr. Steven Ashby, Senior Vice President of Battelle; Steven Pawlowski, Vice President of Advanced Computing Solutions and Emerging Memory Solutions at Micron, an Idaho-based chip manufacturer which is investing \$15 million into research at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) because of the CHIPS Act; Karl Dye, the President and CEO of TRIDEC; and Diahann Howard, Executive Director of the Port of Benton and the Tri-Cities Research District. The CHIPS and Science Act,

signed into law earlier this month, is a critical investment in American manufacturing and especially in Washington state, which ranks in the top ten states in semiconductor workforce. Senator Murray also discussed the provisions she secured to boost the budget of the Department of Energy's Office of Science, which funds labs like PNNL and others across the state. The CHIPS and Science Act also invests in the National Science Foundation, which funds research and development across Washington state and the country to keep America on the cutting-edge of technology and innovation in the next generation." [Senator Patty Murray Official Senate Website, Press Release, [8/24/22](#)]

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CHIPS And Science Act Would Drive Major Investments In Research And Innovation Directly In The Tri-Cities Communities. "The CHIPS and Science Act also reauthorizes National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program and doubles the budget for ATE from the current level of \$75 million per year to \$150 million per year. This program helps community and technical colleges improve and expand educational programs for technicians to work in high-tech STEM fields that drive the U.S. economy and secure good paying jobs in the Tri-Cities. The bill will allow small and medium sized microchip manufacturers to expand and hire more workers, get products on the shelves faster, and lower costs on consumer electronics. When it comes to national security, the CHIPS and Science Act will decrease our reliance on foreign supply chains and make American manufacturing more competitive on the world stage. Overall, the legislation will help drive major investments in research and innovation, like Micron's investment at PNNL, that will happen directly in the Tri-Cities communities." [Senator Patty Murray Official Senate Website, Press Release, [8/24/22](#)]

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Murray On CHIPS And Science Act: Bill Would "Strengthen Our Supply Chains, Boost American Manufacturing Here At Home, And Will Help Lower Costs." "The CHIPS and Science Act will strengthen our supply chains, boost American manufacturing here at home, and will help lower costs by getting more goods on shelves," said Senator Murray. "This will mean good-paying jobs here in Washington state, less reliance on foreign adversaries for the semiconductor chips that

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Senator Murray Has Been A Champion Of Job Training To Make Sure Washington Workers Can Get The New, Good-Paying Jobs This Bill Will Create

Murray Has Long Championed Job Training; Led Passage of Bipartisan Workforce Bill

Senator Murray Authored The Bipartisan Workforce Investment And Opportunity Act. “Today, the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) a bipartisan, bicameral bill authored by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and seven of her colleagues, Republicans and Democrats from the House and Senate. The bill, which now heads to the House of Representatives for approval, would modernize and improve existing federal workforce development programs, help workers attain skills for 21st century jobs, and foster a modern workforce that evolving American businesses rely on to compete.” [Senator Patty Murray Official Senate Website, Press Release, [6/25/14](#)]

- **The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Was Signed Into Law On July 22, 2014.** “The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Congress passed the Act with a wide bipartisan majority; it is the first legislative reform of the public workforce system since 1998.” [U.S. Department of Labor Website, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

April 2021: Murray Held A Hearing Focused On Strengthening The Workforce Through Training And Education. “Today, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, held a hearing focused on strengthening our nation’s workforce programs to provide quality education, training, and employment opportunities for working families impacted by the pandemic. In her opening remarks, Senator Murray highlighted that workers are currently struggling through the most unequal jobs crisis in modern history—with women, workers of color, and workers with disabilities experiencing disproportionately high job loss. At the hearing, Senator Murray stressed that in order to build back a stronger, fairer economy that works for everyone, we need to invest in our nation’s workforce programs to ensure that every worker has the training, skills, and opportunities they need to succeed.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions, Press Release, [4/20/21](#)]

January 2010: Murray Announced Washington State Job Training Grants. “Today, U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) announced that three programs will be receiving funding to train Washington state workers in clean-energy industries. These awards are among the \$100 million awarded nationally through the Energy Training Partnership grant awards authorized by the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act and announced today by U.S Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. One of the programs, the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council, will be receiving \$3,876,171 to train and place 473 Washington state workers in energy efficiency occupations.” [Senator Patty Murray Official Senate Website, Press Release, [1/6/10](#)]

October 2005: Murray Announced \$4.7 Million In Job Training Grants For Seattle And Pasco.

“U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) today announced more than \$4.7 million in United States Department of Labor (DOL) community-based job training grants for two colleges in Washington state. Murray, a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) and Senate Appropriations committees, has been a strong advocate for funding for worker training programs.” [Senator Patty Murray Official Senate Website, Press Release, [10/20/05](#)]

CHIPS And Science Act Created Regional Technology Hubs Focused On Job Creation

Senator Cantwell Press Release: Eastern Washington Could Be Competitive For Regional Technology Hubs Created By CHIPS And Science Act. “Today, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) joined leaders from Spokane’s biosciences and aerospace industries, higher education, and state government at precision manufacturer Altek, Inc. to tout the major investment opportunities coming to the Spokane area in the recently-passed \$250 billion CHIPS & Science Act. The law will strengthen American manufacturing innovation and has the potential to support the growth of Spokane’s aerospace and biosciences industries, as well as the good-paying jobs those industries provide. Eastern Washington is already a candidate for a university research center and could be competitive for manufacturing innovation centers or regional technology hubs enabled by the CHIPS & Science Act, each of which aim to nurture locally-driven innovation regions like Spokane. The legislation could also provide funding opportunities for cutting-edge research at Gonzaga University and Washington State University, and help train the next generation of workers for high-tech Spokane-area companies.” [Senator Maria Cantwell Official Senate Website, Press Release, [8/22/22](#)]

Regional Technology Hubs Would Focus On Technology Development, Job Creation, Emerging Technologies, And Expansion Of Innovation Economy. “The CHIPS and Science Act also establishes the Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program. The U.S. Department of Commerce is directed to create 20 regional hubs across the country to focus on technology development, job creation, emerging technologies, and expansion of the innovation economy. The program will encourage creation of and assist existing consortia between public and private entities to implement regional strategies that support economic development and resilience in geographically diverse locations, promote the benefits of technology development for underserved communities, support modernization and expansion of manufacturing, increase domestic job creation, and improve the pace of market readiness and industry maturation.” [WTIA, [August 2022](#)]

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Voters in King County need to be motivated to vote by digital and OTT/CTV ads contrasting Tiffany Smiley's extreme anti-choice record with Patty Murray's record of fighting for reproductive rights.

- Smiley supported the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, letting politicians completely ban abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest.*
- Smiley supported the Texas Law – one of the most extreme – that bans abortion before many women know they're pregnant.*
- Smiley would help Mitch McConnell ban abortion for the whole country – even in Washington state.*
- Patty Murray has always defended a woman's right to make her own health care decisions and is fighting to pass a federal law guaranteeing the right to an abortion.*

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Smiley Said Dobbs V. Jackson Supreme Court Ruling Meant "The People's Representatives, Not Unelected Judges, Will Make The Decision On Regulating Abortion." "Veterans advocate Tiffany Smiley (R-WA) issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson. Tiffany Smiley said: 'Today's Supreme Court decision means the people's representatives, not unelected judges, will make the decision on regulating abortion. Even then-Senator Joe Biden voted five times for common sense restrictions on late term abortions, while Patty Murray stood in opposition to those same mainstream proposals. There is one extremist on the issue of abortion in this race, and her name is Patty Murray.'" [Smiley for Washington, Press Release, [6/24/22](#)]

Smiley Praised The Supreme Court Decision Overturning Roe V. Wade

Smiley Praised The Dobbs V. Jackson Supreme Court Ruling, Claiming That The "Decision Gives The PEOPLE The Final Word, Not Unelected Judges." According to a press release from Smiley for Washington, "Veterans advocate and U.S. Senate candidate Tiffany Smiley (R-WA) issued the following statement in response to Sen. Patty Murray's (D-WA) newly released ads in the wake of yesterday's Supreme Court ruling on Dobbs v Jackson. Tiffany Smiley said: 'Without skipping a beat Patty Murray released two ads misrepresenting the impact of the Supreme Court ruling on Washingtonians. She said she doesn't want to let the Supreme Court have the final word, but Friday's decision gives the PEOPLE the final word, not unelected judges. Not only that, when Patty Murray says she wants to secure reproductive freedom for every American what she means is that she wants abortion available on demand up to the point of birth - a radical position supported by less than 20% of Americans. There is only one 'extreme politician' in this race and her name is 'Patty Murray'.'" [Smiley for Washington, Press Release, [6/27/22](#)]

- Dobbs V. Jackson Overturned Roe V. Wade And Revoked The Constitutional Right To Abortion.** According to the Center for Reproductive Rights, "U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade and revokes the constitutional right to abortion. Read about the ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization" [Center for Reproductive Rights, accessed [7/25/22](#)]

Smiley Supported The Texas Law – One Of The Most Extreme – That Banned Abortion Before Many Women Know They’re Pregnant

2021: Smiley Said That She Agreed With S.B. 8, Texas’s New Law Banning Abortion After The Detection Of A Fetal Heartbeat. The Hill reported, “Republicans running for office don’t want to talk about Texas’s abortion law ahead of next year’s midterm elections. The near-total ban on the procedure has drawn the ire of Democrats, who argue it is the first step in the conservative movement’s quest to overturn Roe v. Wade. [...] The law outlaws abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, which can take place as early as six weeks into pregnancy, and only makes exceptions for medical emergencies. [...] In Washington state, Senate candidate Tiffany Smiley, who describes herself as a ‘pro-life’ Republican, has been forced to address the issue in her campaign to challenge incumbent Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) in the deep-blue state. ‘While I’m pro-life, I often say I am pro-woman first,’ Smiley, a former OB-GYN triage nurse, told reporters on Tuesday. Smiley recalled working with pregnant women and parents of pregnant women who were unsure of whether to continue with a pregnancy. ‘I know what that feels like,’ she said. ‘And I think if we’re really going to be pro-life, we have to be pro-woman first. It means ensuring that keeping that child isn’t a ticket to poverty or a ticket to a lack of education.’ Smiley said that while she agrees with the Texas law, she said ‘there’s a lot of parts of it that make it very hard for me in Washington state.’ ‘But at the end of the day, I’m pro-woman first and then always pro-life,’ she added.” [Hill, [9/23/21](#)]

- **Texas’s Ban On Abortion After Six Weeks Was The Most Restrictive Abortion Law In The U.S.** The Texas Tribune reported, “When Politico published a draft opinion leaked from the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, the nation confronted the reality that Roe v. Wade and constitutional protections for abortion may be overturned as soon as this summer. But for many in Texas, that day is already here. The second-largest state in the country has been living under the nation’s most restrictive abortion law since Sept. 1, when legislators managed to skirt judicial precedent and ban all abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy. ‘We have been living the last eight months in a post-Roe Texas,’ said Neesha Davé, deputy director of the Lilith Fund. ‘It has been absolutely devastating for people seeking abortion care ... As we have been navigating this, we have learned a lot.’” [Texas Tribune, [5/3/22](#)]

American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Family Planning Fellow Dr. Sarah Horvath: A Woman Was “Unlikely To Know That She [Was] Pregnant At Six Weeks” Unless Actively Trying To Get Pregnant. “Dr. Sarah Horvath, a family planning fellow at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, agreed. ‘Unless a woman is actively trying to get pregnant, she is unlikely to know that she is pregnant at six weeks,’ she said.” [New York Times, [5/18/19](#)]

Smiley Would Help Mitch McConnell Ban Abortion For The Whole Country – Even In Washington State

Washington Senate Race Could Shift Senate Control – Allowing McConnell To Set Agenda That Included Banning Abortion

WASHINGTON SENATE RACE COULD SHIFT SENATE CONTROL

September 2022: Roll Call Ranked Washington’s Senate Race As 9th “Most Likely” Senate Seat To Flip. “Control of the Senate in 2023 remains a toss-up race itself, as Democrats seek to expand their tiny majority and Republicans attempt to flip the chamber. After a primary season that was relatively kind to incumbent senators, campaigns and their allied outside groups have hit the final stretch of what may become the costliest midterm cycle to date. [...] 9. Patty Murray D-Wash. Biden’s

2020 margin: +19 Murray's 2016 margin: +18 Race Rating: Likely Democratic Not only has Murray been up on the air with her own ads, but Women Vote!, the super PAC connected to EMILY's List, also has invested \$2.1 million in her reelection since late July. It may be an impossible feat for Republicans to overcome the state's Democratic lean to oust Murray, but GOP operatives see potential in Tiffany Smiley, a first-time candidate and veterans advocate. Murray, who is seeking a sixth term, showed her electoral strength in an August all-party primary, in which she won more than 52 percent of the vote to Smiley's almost 34 percent. Murray had \$6.7 million in her campaign account on July 13, while Smiley held \$2.3 million." [Roll Call, [9/15/22](#)]

June 2022: Real Clear Politics Ranked Washington's Senate Race As 11th "Most Likely" Senate Seat To Flip. "11. Washington (Patty Murray): This could rise up the ratings by the end of the cycle depending on how things play out. Republicans are high on their likely nominee, Tiffany Smiley, and Sen. Murray's polling has been wobbly enough that she bought television time. This is still a very Democratic state, and Murray survived in 2010 when it was more Republican. At the same time, it is closer to the center than Missouri, and only a point or two further out from the center than Ohio. If former Gov. Eric Greitens loses the Missouri primary, this race probably goes into the top 10, but for now it's on the outskirts of competitiveness." [Real Clear Politics, [6/9/22](#)]

The Washington Senate Race Was Highlighted As "Biden's Poor Approval Rating Could Put Seats In Traditionally Democratic States Into Play." "Not only will Washington host at least one competitive House race, the U.S. Senate race there is worth watching for evidence of a GOP wave. Democratic Sen. Patty Murray is up for reelection, and Republicans haven't won a Senate race in the Evergreen State since 1994. But the GOP likes its expected standard-bearer, former triage nurse Tiffany Smiley, and Biden's poor approval rating could put seats in traditionally Democratic states into play." [Roll Call, [4/12/22](#)]

Real Clear Politics: 2022 Midterm Election Was "Shaping Up To Be A Worse Environment Than Either Of The Last Three Midterms, All Of Which Were Nightmares For The Party In Power." "President Joe Biden's job approval in the RCP Average is currently 39.7%, the lowest of his presidency. That's about 3.5 points lower than Barack Obama's job approval was on (midterm) Election Day 2010. President Obama's job approval only dipped to 40% briefly, in the immediate aftermath of the botched Obamacare rollout, and it never dropped below 40%. President Donald Trump's job approval spent much of 2017 below this mark, but in the terrible Republican election year of 2018, it never fell this low. In other words, this is shaping up to be a worse environment than either of the last three midterms, all of which were nightmares for the party in power." [Real Clear Politics, [6/9/22](#)]

2022: Smiley Met With Mitch McConnell To Talk "About How Great To Have Washington State Be The Seat That Flips The Senate In November." The McClatchy Washington Bureau reported, "And national Republicans say they are laying the groundwork in Washington to help Smiley take advantage of a potential wave should it materialize in November. That includes a recent meeting between Smiley and Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell, according to Smiley, who said the two spoke for more than 30 minutes. Smiley said she talked with McConnell 'about how great to have Washington state be the seat that flips the Senate in November.'" [McClatchy Washington Bureau, [3/20/22](#)]

National Republicans Have Made Clear They Will "Push For A Strict Nationwide Ban" On Abortion

Washington Post: "Leading Antiabortion Groups And Their Allies In Congress Have Been Meeting Behind The Scenes To Plan A National Strategy...Including A Push For A Strict

Nationwide Ban On The Procedure If Republicans Retake Power In Washington. “Leading antiabortion groups and their allies in Congress have been meeting behind the scenes to plan a national strategy that would kick in if the Supreme Court rolls back abortion rights this summer, including a push for a strict nationwide ban on the procedure if Republicans retake power in Washington.” [Washington Post, [5/02/22](#)]

USA Today: Asked If A National Abortion Ban Was Possible, McConnell Said State And Federal Government “Certainly Could Legislate In That Area.” “Asked Thursday if a national ban is something worthy of a debate now, or whether it should wait until after the election, McConnell acknowledged the possibility, even though he considers the discussion premature. ‘If the leaked opinion became the final opinion, legislative bodies – not only at the state level, but at the federal level – certainly could legislate in that area,’ McConnell said. ‘And if this were the final decision, that was the point that it should be resolved one way or another in the legislative process. So yeah, it’s possible. It would depend on where the votes were.’” [USA Today, [5/10/22](#)]

MCCONNELL WAS A CO-SPONSOR ON A 20-WEEK ABORTION BAN BILL

McConnell Was A Co-Sponsor Of A Bill That Would Ban Abortion After 20 Weeks. As of July 2022, 45 Republican senators are cosponsors of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. According to the Washington Post, the bill “ makes it a criminal offense to perform an abortion if the development of the fetus is at 20 weeks or more. A violator is subject to criminal penalties — a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.” [Washington Post, [5/06/22](#); S. 61 Cosponsors, accessed [7/01/22](#)]

Patty Murray Has Always Defended A Woman’s Right To Make Her Own Health Care Decisions And Is Fighting To Pass A Federal Law Guaranteeing The Right To An Abortion

Washington Post: “For Well Over A Decade, [Sen. Patty Murray] Has Been The Single Most Effective Democratic Combatant Against Republican Attempts To Restrict Abortion And Otherwise Roll Back Reproductive Health-Care Rights.” The Washington Post reported, “Moments before the Senate took a doomed vote on abortion rights Wednesday, it fell to Sen. Patty Murray — the highest-ranking Democratic woman and the party’s preeminent leader on health care — to sound a rallying cry against those seeking to reverse Roe v. Wade. [...] For well over a decade, the no-nonsense Washington lawmaker has been the single most effective Democratic combatant against Republican attempts to restrict abortion and otherwise roll back reproductive health-care rights on Capitol Hill. It’s a battle she has sought out since she was left aghast by the Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Justice Clarence Thomas in 1991, during which he was accused of workplace sexual harassment that he denied. Murray was elected the next year in the ‘Year of the Woman’ — which brought the total number of female senators from two to six.” [Washington Post, [5/15/22](#)]

Murray Was A Cosponsor Of The Women’s Health Protection Act Which Would Codify The Right To An Abortion. As of September 2022, Murray was one of 48 senators to sponsor or co-sponsor the Women’s Health Protection Act. “The Women’s Health Protection Act (WHPA) is federal legislation that creates a new legal protection for the right to provide and access abortion care, free from medically unnecessary restrictions and bans on abortion, including forced waiting periods, biased counseling, and pre-viability bans like the one in Texas.” [Center for Reproductive Justice, [2/28/22](#); S.1975 Cosponsors, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

