

Dear Friend --

It's not every day that I get to do what I did last Saturday. I was there when we officially opened the new 520 bridge, the longest floating bridge in the world.

But my job isn't always bridge openings and ribbon cuttings. This past session, I spent a lot of time poring over our budget. I spent a lot of time talking to lawmakers, and I spent a lot of time putting in the due diligence needed to find the common ground to pass legislation and achieve progress for Washington.

We did important work this session, and as a supporter, I want to make sure you are up-to-date on all of the progress we're making.

Here are just a few of the highlights of our latest legislative session victories:

- I signed HB1541 into law, to help close the opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect students of color. I'm proud that we're taking action to address systemic inequalities in our school systems.
- We passed a supplemental transportation budget. This bill will provide critical funding for key traffic relief initiatives throughout the Puget Sound, and will add capacity on I-405 to alleviate congestion at some of the worst choke points.
- I was proud to sign HB1682 into law, which will improve outcomes for homeless students by funding shelters, transitional housing, and other relief efforts to assist those who need our help the most.
- We passed HB2530, which will make Washington the first state in the nation to track the backlog of rape kits. We have much more work to do here, but this is an important first step.

In the end, members of the legislature had one fundamental task, and that was to keep the state's budget balanced. They had sixty days during the regular session to make some adjustments -- but that didn't happen. So I kept the clock running, and the legislature went into a special session to finish the job.

But now session is over and from making crucial investments in mental health to better protecting our forests from wildfire, we got the job done. There are many other measures that I'm proud we passed this session -- and there are even more that I'd like to see passed in the next.

I know you hear a lot from me about our campaign. Winning this November is vitally important if we want to continue the progress we're fighting for across Washington. We need to stay on track now so that we don't fall behind in November.

Thank you so much for your support. Together, I know we can do even bigger things here in Washington.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee

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