

ROB MCKENNA

for GOVERNOR

Dear _____

If you don't have a job in this economy, nothing else really matters.

Unemployment isn't just a number we hear on the news. While the official unemployment figures are bad enough and stuck at chronically high rates, many more people are scraping by on part-time work or have given up looking for a job. Nearly 1 in 5 of our citizens aren't working as much as they want – if they are working at all.

We urgently need a governor who understands that jobs are going to be created by entrepreneurs, by risk takers, by business owners and creators – not by debt-financed stimulus programs.

That's the approach I put forward in my speech announcing I was running for Governor. Our state can do better – with the right leadership.

But others are very satisfied with the way things are in our state capital. I know it's hard to imagine that labor unions spent more than \$1.3 million during the last legislative session to push their agenda of increased taxes and spending, but that's what happened. In fact, the three biggest spenders among all special interest lobbyists were public sector unions.

A spokesman for the government employees union admitted, *"It was probably 10 times as much as we've ever done before."* But that's an "investment" they were willing to make, because they've received the returns they were looking for in the past.

The Governor's mansion has been under Democrat control for the last quarter century, so it's probably no coincidence that spending on state employees' pay and benefits have been growing year after year, crowding out spending on education and other programs crucial to Washington's future. These special interests will spend whatever it takes to keep growing their piece of the budgetary pie.

Just imagine what they'll spend if they think Republicans have a chance to win the governor's office, breaking the longest continuous state control by the Democrat Party in the entire country and putting in place reforms that change the priorities for state spending.

And, that is a reality I plan on making happen. The majority of public polls show me with a narrow lead over my likeliest Democrat opponent, and national pundits consider Washington the most competitive Governor's race this election cycle.

I need you to do two things today to help me break out ahead in this race:

First, fill out the enclosed issues survey. Your insights are important to me as we advance this campaign. I value your opinion, _____

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