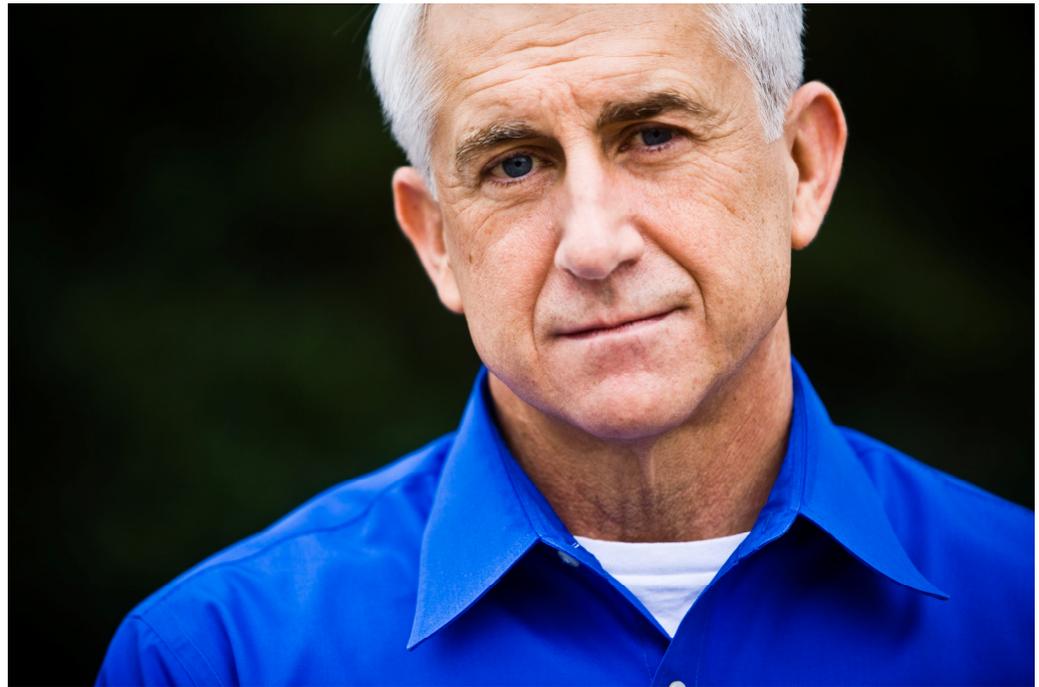


CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT



**Candidate for the
House Committee
on Ways & Means**



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ABOUT DAVE REICHERT

During his entire career, Dave Reichert has been entrusted with a high degree of responsibility. In 1972, Reichert joined the King County, WA, Sheriff's Office as a cop on the beat, and brought national recognition to the Sheriff's Office as head of the Green River Task Force, helping to solve the largest serial murder case in U.S. history. Reichert worked his way up to become the first elected Sheriff in King County in 30 years, where he oversaw a \$110 million annual budget and 1,100 employees. He received the National Sheriffs' Association's "Sheriff of the Year" award, was a two-time Medal of Valor Award recipient, and was awarded the Law Enforcement Award of Commendation after being stabbed during a confrontation with a suspect in the line of duty. He served as president of the Washington State Sheriffs' Association and as an executive board member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. His law enforcement story continues to be told on documentaries airing on A&E, the History Channel, and National Geographic, and his autobiography, *Chasing the Devil*, was made into a Lifetime Television movie: *The Capture of the Green River Killer*.



Elected to Congress in 2004, Dave Reichert was only the sixth freshman in the history of the U.S. House to be given a subcommittee chairmanship, being appointed Chairman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology. Chairman Reichert led the way in drafting comprehensive legislation to overhaul FEMA following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

He currently serves as the Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, the Co-chair of the Goods Movement Caucus, and on the House Trade Working Group, a House coalition led by Congressmen David Dreier (CA-26) and Jim McCrery (LA-4).



November 2008

Dear Colleague:

I respectfully request your consideration for an appointment to a vacant seat on the House Committee on Ways & Means in the 111th Congress. I believe that my selection would bring to the Committee greater regional representation, a staunch advocate for free trade, and a consistent voice for keeping taxes low.

My selection would help balance regional representation on the Committee, where Republican representation will be reduced to only two Members from the 13 western states – and none from the 11 states comprising Region 1 – in the 111th Congress. It would also restore a voice to my dynamic district that has been represented on Ways & Means by every member that has held my seat, including my predecessors Jennifer Dunn and Rod Chandler.

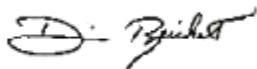
One of the many reasons why my district is so well-served by representation on the Committee on Ways & Means is because it is one of the most trade-dependent in the nation. Accordingly, I have supported every free trade agreement considered during my tenure in Congress, and remain a tireless advocate for enacting pending agreements with Colombia, Panama, and Korea. I am a proud member of the Trade Working Group led by Representatives Dreier and McCrery, have personally met with every Democrat in the Washington State delegation to persuade them to support free trade agreements, and have consistently lobbied the House Majority to enact them.

I am also a staunch advocate for tax policies that promote individual and business growth and investment. I have never voted for an individual income tax increase or other punitive tax hikes because my district's interests are significantly impacted by our nation's tax and trade policies and how Congress crafts laws that preserve space for American ingenuity and innovation.

My record in Congress reflects a willingness to work across party lines to find common ground on issues of importance. However, I also understand that there are times that we need to stand firm as a party and push back against the Majority's misguided priorities. I can be counted on to hold the Majority accountable and take tough votes when necessary to achieve the long-term goals of our Conference. As evidenced by my legislative accomplishments and the tireless efforts I put in to best represent the Eighth District, I am also prepared to do the hard work necessary to move our agenda forward.

Again, I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy for the Committee's vacancy. Were I fortunate enough to be appointed, know that I will continue to conduct my work in a manner that reflects the privilege of serving on the Committee and in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

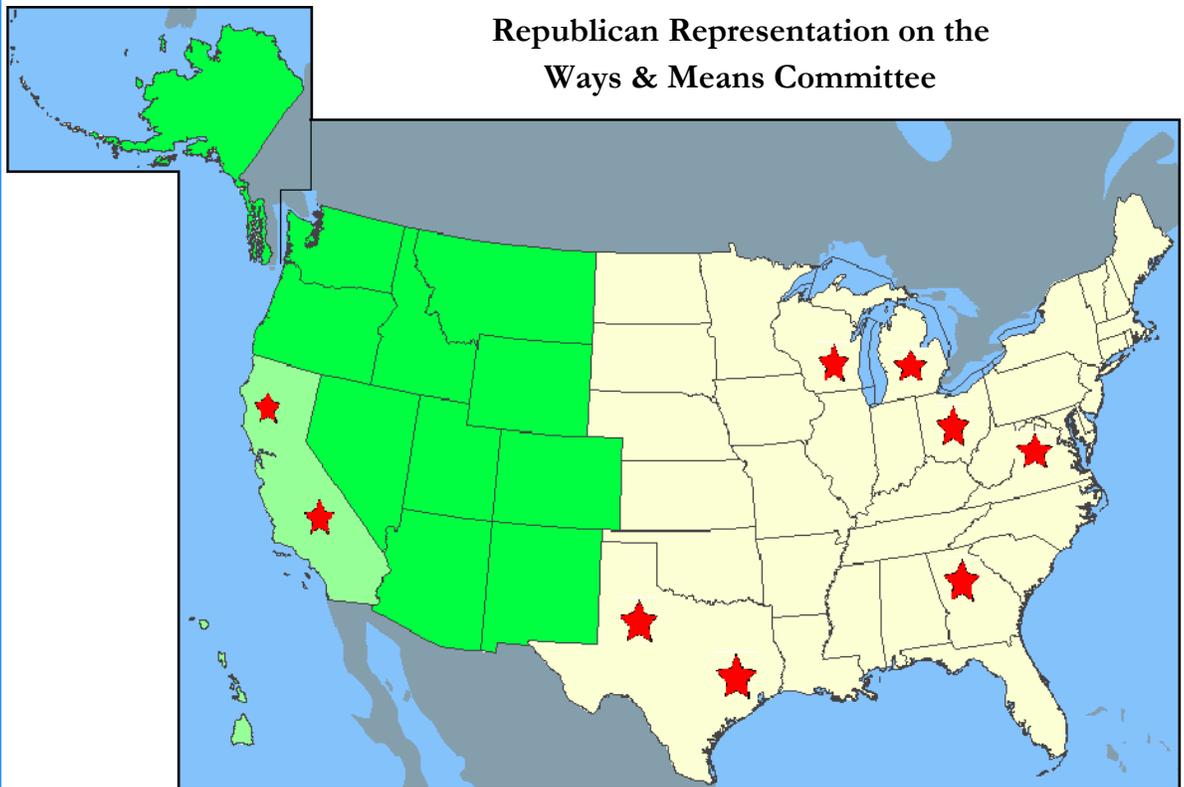


REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

LACK OF REPRESENTATION IN THE WEST

ZERO CURRENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM REGION 1

ONLY TWO CURRENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR 13
WESTERN STATES



REGION 1 STATES IN GREEN

REMAINDER OF WESTERN STATES IN LIGHT GREEN



REFERENCES ON FREE TRADE

“Dave Reichert has been a leader on trade issues. He has worked closely with USTR to advance the opening of foreign markets for American workers while ensuring that our trading partners live up to their trade obligations. As a thoughtful, passionate advocate of free and fair trade, I hope Dave will have the opportunity to play a role in the formulation of U.S. trade policy in the next Congress.”

~ Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative



“Dave is a tireless supporter and committed advocate for trade legislation, one whom we have counted on to consistently voice his support in floor debates and work behind the scenes to generate key votes from both sides of the aisle.”

~ Rep. David Dreier, on Dave Reichert, Chairman of the House Trade Working Group.



“...one of the biggest supporters of free trade in the US House of Representatives.”

~ Mike Hambrick, on “America's Business with Mike Hambrick.”



Dave pictured with Ambassador Susan Schwab, USTR, in Medellin, Colombia, April 2007.



FREE TRADE

- **Member of the Trade Working Group**, a House coalition led by Congressmen David Dreier (CA-26) and Jim McCrery (LA-4), to build support for pro-growth, pro-jobs trade initiatives.
- **Endorsed for re-election by all 3 major daily newspapers in the Seattle/Tacoma area for his work on and support of free trade.**
- **Staunchly supported swift passage of pending trade agreements** with Colombia, Panama, and Korea. These agreements are needed to grow our economy, create jobs, and improve strategic relations with global partners.
- **Repeatedly sought to unite members** to help bring pending free trade agreements to the floor for votes.
- **Supported trade agreements** with Central America (CAFTA), Oman, Bahrain, and Peru, and the renewal of Trade Promotion Authority, which gives our trade representatives the flexibility needed to broker deals that benefit American businesses, employees, and consumers while strengthening our foreign partnerships.
- **Met with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Korean Ambassador Lee Tae-Sik** to promote trade agreements that benefit the United States.
- **Participated in a congressional delegation visit to Colombia with U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab** to meet with President Alvaro Uribe, disarm paramilitary combatants, and Colombian labor unions to help advance the Colombia FTA.



Reichert with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe



FREE TRADE

- ✓ **07.27.05:** Reichert Votes to Open the Door to Trade: House Passes CAFTA, Agreement Means More Jobs through Free and Fair Trade
- ✓ **07.20.06:** Reichert Supports Free Trade Agreement with Oman
- ✓ **10.08.06:** Reichert Praises Expansion of Trade Relations with Vietnam
- ✓ **10.01.07:** Reichert Applauds Passage of Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension
- ✓ **10.01.07:** Reichert: U.S. House Must Pass Trade Agreements
- ✓ **11.08.07:** Peru Free Trade Agreement Advances in the House; Reichert Urges Congress to Pass Other Trade Agreements
- ✓ **04.07.08:** Reichert Travels to Colombia, Stresses Importance of Free Trade Pact
- ✓ **04.09.08:** Reichert-led Letter Sent to WA Governor to Encourage Support of Colombia Free Trade Agreement
- ✓ **04.09.08:** Reichert Calls on Colleagues: Washington State Delegation Must Unite to Demand Pelosi Hold Colombia Free Trade Vote
- ✓ **04.09.08:** Reichert-led Washington State Delegation Letter Urging Speaker Pelosi to Reconsider Vote to Delay Consideration of Colombia Free Trade Agreement
- ✓ **04.10.08:** Reichert Op-Ed in *The Seattle Times*: Pass the Colombia Trade Pact
- ✓ **04.10.08:** Reichert Statement of Profound Disappointment on the House's Denial of Free Trade Debate
- ✓ **04.10.08:** Reichert Takes to House Floor in Support of Colombia FTA
- ✓ **04.11.08:** Reichert Talks Trade in GOP Radio Address
- ✓ **05.14.08:** Reichert-led Letter Sent to Speaker Pelosi Urges Consideration of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement on House Floor
- ✓ **07.10.08:** Reichert Letter to the Editor, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, Urges Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama to Talk Trade
- ✓ **07.14.08:** Reichert: New Local Trade Data Shows Surging Exports; Imperative for Congress to Act on Trade Agreements Now



Reichert at the Port of Tacoma, Washington



REICHERT IN THE PRESS: FREE TRADE



The Port of Seattle

The Seattle Times

Reichert pushes for vote on Colombia trade deal

(April 9, 2008)

Republicans in the state's congressional delegation want Democrats to join them in protesting Speaker Nancy Pelosi's move to put off a vote on a Colombia free trade agreement. A letter to Pelosi was circulated among the delegation by Rep. Dave Reichert...No Democrats have signed on. Reichert says if the situation were reversed, he'd be willing to help Democrats. He issued a statement today saying:

Many times when Republicans were in the majority, my colleagues would call on me to go to my leadership to help the state, for instance when we learned of language that would allow supertankers onto Puget Sound. Today, I urge all of my colleagues in the Washington delegation - including Governor Gregoire - to join together and reject the Speaker's effort to shelve this vital measure.



TALKING TAXES AND HEALTH CARE

“...Entrepreneurship involves significant personal and financial risks, and we need a tax code that gives incentives to take risks and start or grow a business, not a tax code that depletes limited funds to bolster bureaucratic, redundant, red-tape-bound federal programs.”

- Reichert op-ed, December 2007

- **Consistently voted against tax increases**, standing up against the Democrats' G.I. Bill offset in May 2008, among other politically-charged offsets.
- **Supports making health care more affordable for families and businesses** by offering tax incentives to purchase health insurance and preserving the freedom to choose needed care
- **Supports permanent repeal of the death tax and the Alternative Minimum Tax**, and opposed offsetting temporary AMT relief by permanently raising other taxes.
- **Preserved seniors' choice of health care by protecting Medicare Advantage** from devastating cuts.
- **Consistently opposed efforts to raise taxes on carried interest.**
- **Supports innovative ways to promote savings and investment** and help Americans secure their retirements.

“Only in Washington, D.C., could a bill to extend tax cuts be crafted in a way that actually raises taxes. As our economy lags and American families struggle with rising food costs and gas prices, the last thing we should do is raise taxes on job-creating businesses and hard-working American families.”

- Reichert statement, May 2008



WHY WASHINGTON'S EIGHTH DISTRICT?

THE REGION

This vibrant suburb of the Seattle metropolitan area is known for its culture of innovation, investment, and job creation, anchored by companies and individuals that lead the global economy. It is:

AN EPICENTER OF SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH...

Fortune Small Business Magazine named Bellevue, Washington – the district's largest city – the #1 City for Small Business in America in 2008.

HOME TO MAJOR U.S. EMPLOYERS...

Microsoft, Boeing, Starbucks, Costco, Weyerhaeuser, Nintendo, Amazon.com, Expedia.com, PACCAR, Safeco, Nordstrom, Alaska Airlines, Puget Sound Energy.

THE MOST TRADE-DEPENDENT STATE IN THE NATION...

One in three jobs in Washington State depend on trade, and the state exports more than \$66 billion in goods and services each year.

AND A HOTBED OF MEDICAL RESEARCH, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND MEDICAL DEVICE INNOVATION...

The Gates Foundation; Northwest Kidney Centers, the first outpatient dialysis center in the world; Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, one of the nation's leading cancer treatment centers; Seattle Biomedical Research Institute, pioneers of a malaria vaccine; Calypso Medical; Cell Therapeutics; and Zymogenetics.

FUELED BY AN EXTENSIVE VENTURE CAPITAL NETWORK.

In the past decade, the number of new companies has grown by 103% and venture capital investments in the City of Seattle alone have increased 211%. Washington sees the fourth largest amount of venture capital of any state in the nation.



CONCLUSION

- **DAVE REICHERT WOULD FILL A VOID IN THE NORTHWEST TO BALANCE REPRESENTATION, REPLACING THE SEAT LOST WHEN JENNIFER DUNN RETIRED.**
- **DAVE REICHERT WOULD BRING THE BACKING OF A DYNAMIC DISTRICT WITH CUTTING-EDGE INNOVATORS AND HIGH-PROFILE COMPANIES.**
- **DAVE REICHERT BRINGS A STRONG RECORD ON TAXES AND TRADE, AND A STRONG VOICE ON GOP ISSUES.**

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