

31st Legislative District Democrats Candidate Questionnaire

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4. **If elected, what positive changes will you champion that will benefit the 31st LD?**

My number one priority, and one that will directly benefit the 31st LD, is creating jobs and getting our economy moving again, and supporting struggling families while we do that. Despite signs that the economy is starting to recover, unemployment remains high in Pierce County and as you all know, people are still struggling to find work, rebuild their savings, and keep their homes. I've got a plan to create jobs and get people back to work, restore trust and accountability in our financial system and protect consumers, and support the innovation that our region is known for.

Since 2005, the 8th Congressional District has been represented by someone who lacks real-world knowledge of how jobs are created, doesn't understand what it takes to enable businesses to succeed, and who has done too little to help families facing hard times. Congressman Reichert voted against health insurance reform, extending unemployment insurance, and against help for struggling homeowners. He ignored the financial meltdown and then voted against financial reform. New representation will benefit the 31st LD and its residents.

5. **What are the three most critical issues you expect to encounter in the office you are seeking?**

The three most critical issues I expect to face in Congress are:

Creating new jobs. Creating an economy that thrives over the long term for middle class families is one of my top priorities. As an entrepreneur, technology leader and businessperson I know that government policy can support growth and innovation and help us create new jobs. I understand that our businesses compete in a global marketplace, and government can play a critical role in supporting the competitiveness of American companies and workers.

We need to invest in research and development of new technologies, particularly in areas that have widespread economic and social impact such as clean energy or health. We need to invest in education and new skills for our workers so that we have the workforce to support new jobs.

We also have a great opportunity to take on climate change and create clean energy technology jobs. Washington State is well-poised to take advantage of those opportunities. Coming from a technology and a business perspective, I know that we can do a lot to reduce carbon emissions by