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Dear Honored Guests:

It is with regret my voting responsibilities in our nation's capitol prevent me from being with you in person today to celebrate the ground breaking for the International Place Senior Apartments as part of the rebirth of Salishan. What a wonderful day for Tacoma, the region and the community as a whole.

I was so pleased to partner with the leadership, staff and many members of the Korean Women's Association as well as the Tacoma Housing Authority; Pierce County to seek grants to create what will be a truly one of a kind multicultural home. Where seniors of all backgrounds can share their unique experiences and enrich our sense of community.

You should be extremely proud of your efforts; you have created a safe haven for those in need to live and thrive. As a part of Salishan, the residents living here will be a welcomed anchor in this community where wisdom and pride can be found and shared. These apartments will serve as another realization of the dreams of all citizens to have a safe and sound place to call home. I am so proud of the Korean Women's Association: your leadership and dedication to this project and your vision to again step and address a need in our community for multicultural senior housing is marvelous. KWA is a community treasure!

The collaboration that has made this dream a reality is a tremendous example of how; when organizations and people work collaboratively, new possibilities can be created that allow citizens build the foundation of a healthy community.

Again, thank you for allowing me to support your grand endeavors. You should be proud of your innovative approach in creating a healthy community embodied in this project. I appreciate each and every one of you here today for your leadership and dedication to this community. Please know I am indeed proud to serve you in the United States Senate. Congratulations on the start of the International Place Senior Apartments.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator