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Every day I'm working hard to put Washington first — keeping costs down for energy, health care, and education. I succeeded in toughening our privacy laws.

America needs a strong foreign policy, but it's time for other countries, like Iraq, to provide their own security. U.S. troops should start coming home this year.

I helped build a Washington company and I know good-paying jobs require investments in education, job training, and new technologies. I have worked to open up more markets to our agricultural products.

With the help of federal financial aid, I was the first in my family to graduate from college. I know many families need help paying for the dream of a college education.

I stood up to Republicans and big oil companies to stop increased supertanker traffic in Puget Sound, fought and beat Enron when they tried to charge Washingtonians millions for energy they never delivered, and when President Bush tried to increase our energy rates almost forty percent, I joined with others and blocked the increase.

I'm fighting for our seniors by working to require drug companies to sell drugs at lower costs for Americans, stopping efforts to privatize Social Security and working for a better Medicare benefit that delivers real, affordable prescription drug coverage.

I passed a law to reduce our dependence on foreign oil by increasing our use of domestic biofuels. Just as with the aerospace and software industries, Washington can lead the way and get America off of fossil fuels, relying on our farmers and our domestic refiners.

I'm working to preserve our quality of life and stand up for our Northwest values. For me, the people of Washington state come first. To learn more, please visit [www.cantwell.com](http://www.cantwell.com) . I hope I can count on your vote.