2026 Policy Agenda: It Takes a Village

In this Washington, we take care of everyone.

In our Washington state, we understand that **positive outcomes require positive investments**. By supporting people in meeting their basic needs, we can build a stable foundation for everyone to thrive. The other Washington (DC) has chosen to turn their back on those who have the least to benefit the ultra-wealthy. With **deep poverty on the rise in WA**, our state must contend with federal funding cuts that gut lifeline programs and place blame on people living in poverty. In our prosperous state, scarcity is a myth and **poverty is a policy choice**. Therefore, we are committed to spending money on support instead of skepticism. In this Washington, we will fight to leverage **progressive revenue and investments in robust social services** to support our families and neighbors.

This session, we're advocating to maintain support for lifeline programs.

- **Pass progressive revenue** to preserve crucial programs with fewer federal dollars and **prevent cuts to lifeline services like SNAP and Medicaid.**
  - **Pass HB 2100: the Well Washington Fund** to address the current shortfall created by HR1.
  - **Pass bold progressive revenue** to balance our state's upside-down tax code and prevent future budget crises.

- Increase staffing and technological capacity to support growing human services demands amplified by HR1.

- Lower administrative costs and root programs in dignity and trust by **minimizing red tape and burdensome requirements.**

- Bolster existing consumer protections and **protect low-income consumers from new predatory lending products.**

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