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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Sen. John McCain and Sen. Tom Coburn Conference Call On Earmarks

Bellevue, WA - U.S. Senators John McCain and Tom Coburn will hold a conference call with reporters TODAY, October 25 at 9:30 AM PST to discuss Sen. Murray's earmarks and wasteful government spending .

WHO: U.S. Senator John McCain of Arizona

U.S. Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma

WHAT: Conference call to discuss to discuss earmarks and wasteful government spending

WHEN: TODAY, October 25, 9:30 AM PST

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Subject: Senator Murray's earmark requests for clients of former staffers-turned-lobbyists and campaign cash

Senator Murray's earmark requests for clients of former staffers-turned-lobbyists and campaign cash

October 24, 2010 @ 10:17pm | [The KPBJ](#)

http://kpbj.com/business_weekly/2010-10-24/senator_murrays_earmark_requests_for_clients_of_former_staffers_turned_lo

Earlier this month, Senator Patty Murray told McClatchy News that, 'I wasn't elected to do earmarks. I was elected to get things done.'

Well, as we know, Senator Murray has certainly done earmarks. This year alone, she made nearly \$1.4 billion in requests for more than 500 earmarks.

These whopping figures are even more disturbing in light of the recent Seattle Times report that at least 17 of Senator Murray's former staffers are now lobbyists for whom Senator Murray has requested millions in earmarks for their clients. According to the Times, these staffers-turned-lobbyists were awarded nearly \$20 million in earmarks for their clients in the Fiscal Year 2011 Senate Defense Appropriations bill — only one of the twelve annual spending bills. Those staffers-turned-lobbyists and their clients who secured earmarks from Senator Murray in the defense bill have given \$80,000 to her campaign and leadership PAC since 2006.

The following analysis takes a look at two of Senator Murray's former staffers, Shay Hancock and Chad See, who are now lobbyists, the earmarks Senator Murray requested for their clients this year, and the amount of money they've contributed to her reelection campaign.

Clients of Shay Hancock at Denny Miller Associates:

- City of Everett was listed as the recipient of an \$800,000 FY2011 funding request made by Murray.
- General Dynamics was listed as the recipient of a \$3 million FY2011 funding request made by Murray. During the 2010 cycle, General Dynamics PAC contributed at least \$10,000 to Murray.
- Giant Campus was listed as the recipient of a \$2.5 million FY2011 funding request made by Murray. Since 2003, Peter Findley, the CEO Of Giant Campus, contributed \$5,000 to Murray and in 2009, Chris Dukelow, the CFO of Giant Campus, contributed \$1,000 to Murray.
- Next IT Corporation was listed as the recipient of A \$1.5 million FY2011 funding request made by Murray.
- Paladin Data Systems was listed as the recipient of a \$2 million FY2011 funding request made by Murray. Between 2002 and 2003, Jim Nall, The president and co-founder of Paladin Data Systems, contributed \$3,000 to Murray.
- SAFE Boats International was listed as the recipient of a \$5.4 million FY2011 funding request made by Murray. Between 2003 and 2007, William Hansen, listed as SAFE Boats International's president, contributed \$1,500 to Murray and between 2003 and 2008, Scott Peterson, CEO of SAFE Boats International, contributed \$8,800 to Murray.
- Stellar Photonics was listed as the recipient of a \$4 million FY2011 funding request made by Murray. In 2009, Ingrid Fuhriman contributed \$1,250 to Murray. Since 2007, Hancock has contributed \$4,800 to Murray.

Clients of Chad See at K&L Gates

- Infinia Corporation was listed as the recipient of a \$4 million FY2011 funding request made by Murray.
- Spokane Tribe of Indians and the Colville Tribe were listed as the recipients of a \$630,000 FY2011 funding request made by Murray. During The 2010 Cycle, Chad See's employer's PAC, K&L Gates PAC, contributed at least \$4,000 to Murray. In 2009, Chad See contributed \$1,000 to Murray.

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Illegal immigrants openly working for Patty Murray

<http://www.examiner.com/conservative-in-spokane/illegal-immigrants-openly-working-for-patty-murray>

· October 24th, 2010 7:49 am PT

· **By [Joe Newby](#), Spokane Conservative Examiner**

The Tacoma [News-Tribune](#) reported Friday that illegal immigrants are openly working to help Patty Murray (D-WA) win re-election in Washington.

Dozens of illegal immigrants are canvassing neighborhoods in the Seattle area hoping to get naturalized citizens to vote for the Democratic incumbent.

A group called [One America Votes](#) is pushing the effort, hoping to make a difference in the election.

The group is an offshoot of One America - one of the organizations involved in a recent progressive rally on the [National Mall](#).

Rossi and Murray are tied in the election, and the organization hopes to encourage enough immigrants to vote for Murray.

The [Seattle Weekly](#) says the organization has also endorsed Murray because of her views on illegal immigration.

Only U.S. citizens can vote in the election, but questions are being raised about the tactic.

On Friday, [Mark Levin](#) denounced the tactic on his radio program. He said that "basically, we have foreigners canvassing" for Democrats. He asked what other country permitted this, and answered by saying "none." He also attacked the Democrats as being hypocritical for attacking the Chamber and others for allegedly using foreign money. [Spokane Headlines Examiner Ryan Gamble](#) reported the Seattle Times recently endorsed Patty Murray for re-election. One must wonder, does the Seattle Times also endorse lawlessness?

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Rossi Campaigns with Anti-Boeing McCain and Anti-Hanford Coburn

Seattle, WA - Once again, 18 year candidate Dino Rossi is running to the Republican establishment for back-up. This time, he is asking for favors from the national Republicans who have worked against Washington state's interests at every turn.

Dino Rossi might not mention it today but no one fought harder to kill Boeing's original tanker contract - aside from Airbus - than John McCain. In fact, according to the [Everett Herald](#), McCain "boasted" about his role in killing the contract.

In 2008, it briefly looked like Airbus would get the Air Force contract to build new tankers. Thanks to the work of United States Senator Patty Murray, Boeing contested that decision and the bidding process was re-opened.

Unfortunately, John McCain stepped in again and loudly protested the Air Force taking into consideration any subsidies received by Airbus during review of the bids, effectively creating an [unlevel playing field for Boeing](#) while 11,000 Washington state jobs are on the line.

Meanwhile, in the last year, Tom Coburn has railed against a [stimulus grant](#) that helps accelerate the clean-up of Hanford (in this he was joined by John McCain as well). He even went so far as to say the project “failed” although it has created thousands of jobs and sped up the removal of nuclear waste. If Tom Coburn had his way, all those workers at Hanford would get pink slips.

Of course, before that, Coburn was the only Senate obstacle to passing the designation of Wild Sky as a wilderness area. Fortunately, Senator Murray overcame his obstructionism.

“Dino Rossi makes some strange choices for allies. First he follows the lead of Wall Street banks in wanting to repeal reform and corporate lobbyists in opposing closing tax loopholes for companies that ship jobs overseas. Now he campaigns with individuals who have actively worked to hurt Washington state. He is literally standing on the side of people who have cost our state jobs,” said Julie Edwards, Communications Director People for Patty Murray. “Patty Murray always fights for Washington state jobs and workers. That’s the choice in this election.”

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Final Day Of Senator Murray's D.C. Bosses Tour: Who Does She Work For, Washington State Or Washington, D.C.?

BELLEVUE, WA - Today, First Lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden will join Senator Patty Murray in Bellevue on the final day of her week-long D.C. bosses tour.

Laena Fallon, Washington State Republican Party spokesperson, offered the following statement:

"Today, First Lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden will visit Bellevue to wrap up a string of visits to Washington state by Senator Murray's D.C. bosses. This week-long tour has highlighted just how closely Senator Murray is tied to the big guns from D.C. – she has gone from a 'mom in tennis shoes' to a D.C. insider who's forgotten which Washington she represents.

"Senator Murray has supported the Administration's big-government policies nearly 100% of the time, even when they hurt Washington state. She has defended the \$2.5 trillion health care plan that is already harming Washington families, the \$1.2 trillion failed stimulus that has done little to create jobs and the \$700 billion big bank bailout that picked Wall Street over Main Street. Senator Murray's tax and spend policies have resulted in a \$13.6 trillion debt and counting. In addition, she's requested at least \$20 million in earmarks this year for former staffers-turned-lobbyists who, along with their clients, have donated \$80,000 to her re-election effort."

"At a time when unemployment in Washington State is stuck at 9%, Washington families need a Senator who works to create jobs and rein in out-of-control federal spending. And most of all, they deserve a Senator who always has their best interests in mind, not one that is so beholden to Washington, D.C. that she forgets Washington state."

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Roll Call

John Stanton

October 25, 2010

<http://www.rollcall.com/news/50958-1.html>

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Oct. 25, 2010, 2:34 p.m.

By John Stanton

Roll Call Staff

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Subject: Sen. McCain calls in support for Dino Rossi

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Sen. McCain calls in support for Dino Rossi

The Associated Press

Arizona Sen. John McCain says federal earmark spending is a "corrupt practice" and praised Republican Senate candidate Dino Rossi's opposition to it.

McCain did a telephone conference call with reporters Monday morning on Rossi's behalf. Rossi, who is in a competitive race with Democratic incumbent Sen. Patty Murray, was not on the call. Rossi has said that earmarks should be banned until Congress balances the budget. McCain says he's opposed to earmarks at all times but says he's happy that Rossi is committed "at least in the short term."

McCain criticized the amount of earmark requests Murray has made for the state, citing a recent story by The Seattle Times that showed nearly \$20 million of her defense earmark requests would benefit clients of former staffers who are now lobbyists.

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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Rossi in Pierce County Tuesday

Bellevue, WA - U.S. Senate candidate Dino Rossi will tour SEFNCO Communications in Sumner and hold a roundtable with Veterans in Lakewood on Tuesday, October 25:

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Tour of SEFNCO Communications

WHEN: 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: 4610 Tacoma Ave

Sumner, WA

Veterans Listening Tour

WHEN: 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Carr's Restaurant
11006 Bridgeport Way SW
Lakewood, WA 98499-3514

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Subject: Pool Report: Murray Event with First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden - 10/25/2010

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From: **Woodward, Curtis P.** <cpwoodward@ap.org>

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Subject: FLOTUS pool

First Lady Michelle Obama took the stage at 12:03 p.m. local time She was accompanied by the vice president's wife, Jill Biden; Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., and Democratic Gov. Chris Gregoire. The four women led the audience in clapping along with "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."

The estimated crowd of 1,400 filled lunch tables in a ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bellevue. Tickets had been advertised at \$75 and \$150.

Obama also was scheduled to appear at a second, private fundraiser at the Medina, Wash., home of Jeff Brotman, co-founder of Costco Wholesale Corp. Tickets for that event were advertised at \$1,000 and \$7,500.

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(Seattle, WA) – This Tuesday, U.S. Senator Patty Murray will meet with veterans in Longview to talk about the challenges they face and why we cannot return to the policies that benefitted Wall Street and failed middle class families. The event will be a roundtable discussion open to the press. There will be an opportunity for questions following the discussion.

Senator Murray will also stop by an Olympia campaign office to thank supporters and volunteers. There will be an opportunity for brief interviews following her remarks.

Press interested in attending either event should RSVP to press@pattymurray.com.

Tuesday, October 26

Roundtable with Southwest Washington Veterans

WHO: Senator Patty Murray and veterans

WHAT: Open press roundtable

WHEN: 1:30PM Tuesday, October 26

WHERE: Guse's Gourmet Coffee

1208 Commerce Ave
Longview, WA 98632

[Map](#)

Olympia – Greet With Local Supporters

WHO: Senator Patty Murray and local supporters

WHAT: Greet with local supporters

WHEN: 3:20PM, Tuesday, October 26

WHERE: 317 4th Ave E Olympia

[Map](#)

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Jim Brunner

October 25, 2010

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/politicsnorthwest/2013254048_wheresrossihewontsay.html

Republican Senate challenger Dino Rossi is traveling somewhere today.

But he won't say where.

During a noonish conference call with reporters to update his campaign (big news: he said his rallies are packed and things are going "exceptionally well"), Rossi was asked where he was calling from.

"We're out traveling all over right now," Rossi said.

He repeated that statement when pressed on whether he was traveling out of state. His spokeswoman, Jennifer Morris, jumped in and said "the question has been answered." (Even though it hadn't.)

Morris refused to clarify where Rossi was later. "He's traveling," she repeated.

So why not just answer the question?

Easy guess is that Rossi is out of state for a fundraiser. He didn't exactly publicize past fundraising jaunts to [Washington D.C.](#), [Texas](#), and [New York](#).

Colin Milligan

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Subject: Sen. Murray's Health Care Bill Will Make WA State Budget Deficit Even Worse

Today, the State Senate Republicans released a study on how the new costs in Senator Patty Murray's new health care law will make Washington state's \$4.5 billion budget crisis even worse.

<http://www.senaterepublicans.wa.gov/budgettidbits/2010/102510BudgetTidbit.pdf>

After strings of reports about how bad this new law will be for Washingtonians, we have to ask: Senator Murray, who exactly did you write the health care bill for, Washington state or Washington, D.C.? Furthermore, it is also notable is that Senator Murray and Governor Gregoire were together today. Do you think they happened to discuss these new costs, or if either of them even knew?

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Subject: Media Advisory: WSRP to Hold 2010 Election Night at the Hilton Bellevue

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BELLEVUE – The Washington State Republican Party will be holding a joint election night event for both Republican Congressman Dave Reichert (WA-08) and Republican U.S. Senate Candidate Dino Rossi in the Grand Ballroom at the **Hilton Bellevue** on Election Day, **November 2, 2010**, beginning at **7:00 PM PDT**.

Event details are as follows:

Hilton Bellevue – Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM PDT

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WHO: Washington Republican Party Chairman Luke Esser
Republican Congressman Dave Reichert (WA-8)
U.S. Senate Candidate Dino Rossi

WHEN: Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM PDT

WHERE: Hilton Bellevue - Grand Ballroom
300 112th Ave SE
Bellevue, WA 98004

RSVP: Call or email Peter Cowman at PeterCowman@wsrp.org or 425.460.0570 to RSVP. If there are any special requests, please include them with your RSVP and we will do our best to accommodate (i.e. internet access, camera space, computer workspace, etc.).

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By Andrew Stiles

<http://www.nationalreview.com/battle10/250945/rossi-no-do-overs-after-nov-2-andrew-stiles>

The outcome of the race between Sen. Patty Murray (D) and Republican Dino Rossi could very well determine who holds a majority in the Senate next year. Both parties are treating it as such. Money is pouring in, as are the big name personnel. This is especially true on the Democratic side – former President Clinton, President Obama, Vice President Biden, have all recently stumped on Murray's behalf. First Lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden are in town today. One local politician told BATTLE '10 this is the most politicized he has seen the state in almost a decade.

Given its status as a solidly blue state – Obama won by 17 points in '08 – Washington perhaps is an unlikely venue for so much high profile consideration. Murray's seat might well be safe in an ordinary year. Of course, this is not an ordinary year and Dino Rossi is no ordinary GOP candidate. Some believe he is the only one who could have seriously challenged Murray's seat. And he certainly has. Recent polling shows the race neck and neck.

Rossi told reporters on a conference call this afternoon that all the attention Murray has received is an indication of how worried the Democrats are about losing what could be the much-coveted 51st Senate seat. "Her D.C. friends are coming to bail her out" Rossi said. "It's a sign they think she's in trouble."

Rossi described his travels across the state and the outpouring of support his campaign has received. "Luckily the fire marshal hasn't shown up, I think we've been way over capacity at many of these rallies," he said.

The former state senator touted his record of "balancing budgets without raising taxes." When asked for specifics regarding what he would cut from the federal budget, Rossi shot back: "After actually writing budgets I know it's not one thing, it's not five things, it's not a thousand things, it's more than that," he said. Current policies, he said, were unsustainable.

He continued to hammer his opponent for her record on spending, earmarks, and other policies he says are bankrupting the country. Last week, Rossi told BATTLE '10 he was running because "the future of America is at stake," and he felt like he was in a position to make a difference. "The situation's bad enough to get me out of political retirement," he said.

Rossi has repeatedly predicted on the campaign trail that unless the country has a serious course correction soon, "I think we're going to wake up 24 months from now in a country we don't recognize."

“The American experiment doesn’t work on autopilot,” he said. “Every generation has to step up.”

Rossi remains confident about his chances on Election Day. “We are in a position to win this race,” he said. At a business roundtable meeting in Everett, Wash., last week, Rossi said the race would ultimately come down to who decides to vote. “We won’t get any do-overs [after Nov. 2],” he said.

That goes for all of us.

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Subject: Rossi Campaigns Washington State Style

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Kyle Trygstad

October 25, 2010

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Subject: polls: CO, IL

more great breaking stories today:

*CO: We *erased* a 5 point deficit and tied it up, 47-47

*IL: Despite attacks we are maintaining our lead, 41-39

*Thanks to you, we just had our biggest online fundraising week ever

People clicked and donated and we're seeing the results in poll after poll: races are trending our way. But with 8 days left, we know what's coming. GOP front groups are flush with corporate cash and spending like crazy. And national Republicans are dumping in another \$3M for Carly Fiorina.

With 8 days to go, 10 races are still within 3 points. Your \$10 could be the phone call, ride to the polls or ad that flips a race and saves the Senate. The budget calls for \$698,221 by Thursday so we can reach undecided voters next weekend- can you help?

Please give \$10 to help us close out strong – we're so close!

Thanks for staying in the fight

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she has received from newspapers across the state.

“Patty Murray has long fought to make sure the voices of Washington state residents are heard in the other Washington. That tenacity was cited by the numerous newspapers that endorsed her this year,” said Julie Edwards, Communications Director, People for Patty Murray. “Murray has been a voice for middle class families and communities across our state and she will never stop fighting for them.”

Watch “Your Voice” [here](#).

Transcript

Chris Louie, Boeing Worker:

Our jobs were going to France.

Richard Jackson, Boeing Worker:

If Patty Murray hadn't stopped it.

Pete Brehm, Infinia:

Patty opened doors... to new private investment.

Dennis Johnson, Mayor of Wentachee:

Patty saved 1500 local jobs.

Greg Buckley, Retired Colonel, Fairchild AFB:

Senator Murray helped make sure our base stays open.

Male Announcer (vo):

Newspapers agree and endorse Patty Murray's proven track record in fighting for the state's needs.

She has guts and principles and works for average citizens.

This state needs a scrappy defender... Patty Murray is that person.

Patty Murray:

I'm Patty Murray. I approved this ad to ask for your vote so I can continue to be your voice.

Patty Murray Fights for Boeing Jobs

Boeing's Rival, Airbus, Awarded One Of Largest Defense Contracts Ever To Supply Next Generation Of Airborne Refueling Tankers To The Air Force. According to the Seattle Times, along with its U.S. partner, Northrop Grumman, EADS, the parent company of Boeing's rival Airbus of Toulouse, France, “in 2008 won one the largest defense contracts ever, to supply the next generation of airborne refueling tankers to the Air Force.” [Seattle Times, 8/08/10]

Boeing's Senior Vice President For Government Operations Said Murray Played “A Critical Role” In Getting The Northrop-EADS Contract Overturned. According to the Seattle Times, “Tim Keating, Boeing's senior vice president for government operations, said Murray played “a critical role” in getting the Northrop-EADS contract overturned. Keating said Murray, one of Boeing's most influential benefactors in Congress, early on advised the company to contest the Air Force's decision, something the aerospace giant hadn't done with a federal contract in three decades. Murray also kept after the tanker issue on the

Senate floor, in hearings and in letters to Pentagon and administration officials.” [Seattle Times, 8/08/10]

Tri-City Herald Editorial Said That Murray “Led the Charge” on Reconsideration of Contract. In June 2008, an editorial in The Tri-City Herald said that Murray had “led the charge” in getting the tanker contract reconsidered. According to The Tri-City Herald, “Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., led the charge to get the contract reconsidered, arguing from the outset that the process was deeply flawed, anti-competitive and illogical.” [Tri-City Herald, 6/20/08]

Patty Murray Fights for Private Sector Investment

Seattle Times: Patty Murray Backed \$30 Billion In Small Business Lending That Would “Put People To Work.” In an editorial, the Seattle Times said, “Washington Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell have pushed for a new small-business lending fund. The Senate approved...a broader package of assistance to small business that is expected to leverage \$30 billion...into \$300 billion of credit through community and smaller banks that lend mostly to small businesses...Small banks lending to small businesses put people to work. Access to credit is key.” [Editorial, Seattle Times, 7/27/10]

Murray Voted For Tax Credits To Research And Develop Clean Energy Technology. [S.Amdt.4419 to H.R.3221, Vote #95, 4/10/08, Adopted by a vote of 88-8, Murray voted Yea]

Patty Murray Fights for Jobs in the Wenatchee Valley

Murray Passed Provision That Protected Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, WVMC CEO Called Provision “Stunning Success”. In May 2008, Murray included a provision in an appropriations bill that protected the Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, a doctor owned hospital, with the CEO of the hospital calling the provision a “stunning success.” The provision, which passed, protected doctor owned specialty hospitals from being forced to divest, and granted other physician-owned facilities the opportunity to expand if certain qualifications are met. According to Inside CMS, “WVMC CEO and Board Chair David Webber called the new language a ‘stunning success.’ He praised Murray, Senate Finance Committee member Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA) for pushing for the alternative language.” [Inside CMS, 5/29/08]

Murray Was Honored By Wenatchee Medical Center With Plaque For Work To Keep Medical Center Open. In June 2010, Murray was honored by the Wenatchee Medical Center with a plaque for her work to keep the medical center open. According to The Wenatchee World, “Sen. Patty Murray was honored by Wenatchee Valley Medical Center with a plaque in recognition of her efforts to keep the medical center open in the face of a Senate bill that would have jeopardized its operations.” [The Wenatchee World, 6/05/10]

Representative Doc Hastings Said That Wenatchee Valley Medical Center Employed 1,500 People. In March 2008, Doc Hastings said that Wenatchee Valley Medical Center employed 1,500 people. According to Hastings, “The Wenatchee Valley Medical Center was founded in 1940 by three doctors. Today, it employs 1,500 people, and treats 150,000 patients a year. It's been designated by the State of Washington as a ‘critical needs hospital’ that's serving a rural, underserved area. [Representative Doc Hastings Press Release, 3/07/08]

Patty Murray Fought to Keep Fairchild Air Force Base Open

Forward Fairchild Thanked Murray For Her Work On The Effort To Keep Base Open. According to the Spokesman Review, “Forward Fairchild thanked McMorris, Gov. Chris Gregoire and Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell for their work on the effort to keep the base open.” [Spokesman Review,

10/04/06]

- **Forward Fairchild—Group Of Business, Political And Community Leaders —Worked For Nearly Two Years To Prepare A “Defense” Of Fairchild Air Force Base Against A Possible Closure.** According to the Spokesman Review, “Fairchild is the community’s largest single employer, with more than 4,000 military and civilian jobs. It is also a significant source of federal funds being pumped into the local economy, with millions spent on everything from construction to food to fuel. Forward Fairchild, a group of business, political and community leaders, worked for nearly two years to prepare a ‘defense’ of the base against a possible closure.” [Spokesman Review, 10/04/06]

Deal To Lease Tankers, And Fairchild Being Designated A Home To Those Tankers, Was Timely News As Federal Government Was Deciding On Base Closures. According to the Spokesman Review, “The 4,000 Air Force personnel who contribute millions of dollars to the Spokane area’s economy could be in jeopardy in two years when the federal government undertakes another round of military base closures... For that reason, this week’s news about Fairchild Air Force Base couldn’t have been more welcome, or timely. Fairchild has been designated as the first home for a new generation of refueling tankers, which the Air Force has agreed to lease from Boeing.” [Spokesman Review, 6/18/03]

- **Murray Was One Of The “Prime Architects” Of The Lease Idea.** According to the News Tribune, Murray “was one of the prime architects of the lease idea. The lease was announced in late May after 18 months of negotiations. It eventually could lead, by some estimates, to \$ 100 billion in additional orders for 767s.” [The News Tribune, 6/19/03]

- **In 2003, Rep. George Nethercutt Said Fairchild Being Designated To Receive Some Of The New Tankers Should Put The Base In The “Safe Category” From New Round Of Base Closures.** According to the Spokesman Review, “The added construction, coupled with some of the nation’s newest planes, should put Fairchild in the ‘safe category’ as the Pentagon begins a new round of base closures in 2005, [Rep. George] Nethercutt said.” [Spokesman Review, 6/14/03]

Air Force Officials Said The Fact That Fairchild’s Facilities Had Been Modernized Over The Past Two Decades Was A Plus That Worked In Base’s Favor When It Came Under Review For Possible Closure. According to the Spokesman Review, when the Base Realignment and Closure Commission announced Fairchild would not be closed, Air Force Officials said, “the lack of encroachment by homes and businesses, and that its facilities have been modernized over the past two decades,” was a plus. [Spokesman Review, 10/04/06]

- **Murray Has Served On The Senate Appropriations Military Construction-VA Subcommittee.** [Senator Patty Murray, CQ Member Profiles, Updated September 2010]

Newspapers Agree: Patty Murray Right Choice for Washington State

NEWS TRIBUNE: Re-Elect Patty Murray To The U.S. Senate [Editorial, The News Tribune, 10/10/10]

TRI-CITY HERALD: U.S. Senate: Re-Elect Patty Murray [Editorial, Tri-City Herald, 10/18/10]

OLYMPIAN: Murray Is Best For State As Senator; Rossi's Claims Ring Hollow [Editorial, The Olympian, 10/17/10]

WALLA WALLA UNION-BULLETIN: Patty Murray Has Earned Another Term In US Senate
[Editorial, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, 10/12/10]

OREGONIAN: Keep Washington's Murray In Senate [Editorial, The Oregonian, 10/08/10]

SEATTLE TIMES: The Times Endorses The Re-Election Of Sen. Patty Murray [Editorial, Seattle Times, 10/08/10]

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER: Murray Has Earned A Fourth Term [Editorial, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 10/11/10]

SPOKESMAN-REVIEW: On Balance, Murray Is Better Choice For Senate [Editorial, Spokesman-Review, 10/24/10]

EVERETT HERALD: Re-Elect Seasoned Murray [Editorial, Everett Herald, 10/03/10]

TRI-CITY HERALD: "Proven Track Record In Fighting For The State's Needs..." The Tri-City Herald editorialized, "During her three terms, Murray has proved to be a tenacious fighter for Washington's interests and has amassed the political power to win most battles. For many, this year's election is a referendum on health care reform and deficit spending. That's understandable, but it would be a mistake to trade away Murray's proven track record in fighting for the state's needs in exchange for Rossi's ideological purity." [Editorial, Tri-City Herald, 10/18/10]

SEATTLE TIMES: "Murray Has Guts And Principles. She Works Doggedly On Behalf Of Average Citizens In Every Corner Of The State." The Seattle Times editorialized, "Murray has guts and principles. She works doggedly on behalf of average citizens in every corner of the state." [Editorial, Seattle Times, 10/08/10]

NEWS TRIBUNE: "This State Needs A Scrappy Defender Looking Out For It. Murray Is That Person." The News Tribune editorialized, "This state needs a scrappy defender looking out for it. Murray is that person, and The News Tribune endorses her for re-election." [Editorial, News Tribune, 10/10/10]

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From: "Murray Campaign News" <press@pattymurray.com>

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October 25, 2010

NEW AD: New Spot Highlights Dino Rossi's 18 Year Career in Politics

SEATTLE, WA – Eighteen year candidate Dino Rossi's record is on display in a new ad from People for Patty Murray. From his business dealings with corporate lobbyists to standing with Wall Street special interests, Dino Rossi has shown time and again that he is not on the side of Washington state families.

“Washington state residents need a senator who will fight for them. United States Senator Patty Murray has always been that person. In stark contrast, Dino Rossi has taken positions that hurt middle class families, stood up for Wall Street and the big corporations and engaged in business dealings with lobbyists who had business in the state Senate,” said Julie Edwards, Communications Director, People for Patty Murray. “For eighteen years, Dino Rossi has stood against the needs of working men and women in our state.”

Watch “18 Years” [here](#).

Transcript

Patty Murray (vo):

I'm Patty Murray. I sponsored this ad.

Male Announcer (vo):

What has Dino Rossi done in his eighteen years in politics?

He's personally profited from business deals with corporate lobbyists.

Illegal corporate contributions have aided Dino and his campaign.

No wonder Rossi tried to cut the minimum wage,

Supports corporate tax loopholes that ship our jobs overseas,

And sides with Wall Street against protecting our money.

Corporations and Wall Street come first because Dino Rossi's not on our side.

Dino Rossi Stands Against Washington State

Dino Rossi Personally Profited from Deals with Lobbyists

Rossi Was Business Partners With Lobbyists Who Had Business Before Legislature While he Was State Budget Chairman. In October 2004, *The Associated Press* reported that Rossi was business partners with lobbyists who had business before the legislature while he was state budget chairman. According to *The Associated Press*:

“The Seattle Times reported that two of Rossi's real estate business partners were lobbyists who had business before the Legislature when he was Senate budget chairman.” (*The Associated Press*, “Gregoire Raps Rossi's Business Dealings; Rossi Hits Back,” October 20, 2004)

Rossi Co-Founded Eastside Commercial Bank with Lobbyists Richard and David Ducharme. In October 2004, Rossi acknowledged that he co-founded Eastside Commercial Bank with lobbyists Richard and David Ducharme. (*The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, “Rossi, Gregoire Attack Each Other's Pasts, Republican Revives; Democrat Seizes On Headlines,” October 21, 2004)

Tri-City Herald: Rossi Describes Self as Eastside Commercial Bank Co-Founder in His Book. In November 2006, *The Tri-City Herald* said that Rossi described himself as the co-founder of Eastside Commercial Bank. According to *The Tri-City Herald*:

“Rossi gets more personal when he talks about his book, which tells the story of how he rose from a working-class Seattle family to become a real estate millionaire, Eastside Commercial Bank co-founder and legislator, he said.” (*Tri-City Herald*, “Rossi to Bring Lesson of Perseverance to Tri-Cities,” November 16, 2006)

Rossi Brought Lobbyists Richard And David Ducharme Into Eastside Commercial Bank. According to the *Seattle Times*, “...Rossi acknowledged that he's the one who turned former lobbyists Richard and David Ducharme on to the opportunity to invest in Eastside Commercial Bank, of which Rossi was a co-founder.” [Seattle Times, 10/21/04]

Rossi Co-Invested With Richard And David Ducharme In Apartment Building Enterprise. According to the *Seattle Times*, “A year into his first four-year term [in the Washington Senate], Rossi said, three investors approached him about buying an apartment building. The group included two government lobbyists: David Ducharme and his father, Richard Ducharme, who represented the Building Industry Association of Washington while he invested with Rossi. Rossi said he has known the elder Ducharme since the early 1990s. Both Ducharmes also are co-investors in a bank in Bellevue that Rossi provided \$10,000 to help start [in 2001].” [Seattle Times, 10/20/04]

Rossi Cited Eastside Commercial Bank In Campaign Website Biography. Rossi cited his role in founding Eastside Commercial Bank in his campaign website biography. “[Rossi] later co-founded the Eastside Commercial Bank and built a successful career in commercial real estate. Dino also served as vice president of Scott Real Estate Investments in Seattle. He remains active in the commercial real estate business...” [DinoRossi.com, via the Internet Archive, accessed 4/29/10]

Rossi Discussed His Part In Co-Founding Eastside Commercial Bank In His Book. Rossi discussed his role as co-founder in the launch of Eastside Commercial Bank in his 2005 book, *Dino Rossi: Lessons in Leadership, Business, Politics and Life: 12 Inspirational Lessons You Can Apply To Your Business and Family Life!*. According to the *Tri-City Herald*, “Rossi gets more personal when he talks about his book, which tells the story of how he rose from a working-class Seattle family to become a real estate millionaire, Eastside Commercial Bank co-founder and legislator, he said.” [Tri-City Herald, 11/15/06]

Rossi And Two State Lobbyists Together Purchased An Apartment Building. In 1997, Rossi's two of Rossi's partners in purchasing an apartment building were Statehouse lobbyists. That year, Rossi said, three investors approached him about buying an apartment building. The group included two government lobbyists: David Ducharme and his father, Richard Ducharme, who represented the Building Industry Association of Washington while he invested with Rossi. On Rossi's recommendation, the investors bought the Windsor Court Apartments. [Seattle Times, 9/20/04]

David Ducharme Represented Phillip Morris. In February 1998, *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reported that David Ducharme had been a lobbyist for Phillip Morris. (*The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, “Tobacco Lobby May be Quizzed at Trial; Suit May Force Industry to Reveal Trade Secrets,” February 27, 1998)

Rossi Failed To Disclose \$50,000 Loan From Mastro On Public Disclosure Forms. For several years while he served in the state Senate, Rossi didn't tell state regulators about a \$50,000 loan from Mastro. Rossi acknowledged the error, but also characterized his failure to disclose the loan as a minor, unintentional oversight. Public documents show that Rossi borrowed the money in question in October 1997, when he was a state senator, from Michael R. Mastro, a real estate developer. A Seattle property which Rossi owned at the time served as collateral. Documents show Rossi and Mastro declared the \$50,000 the loan settled in 2001, after the Rossi company sold the Federal Way apartments. According to *The Associated Press*:

The \$50,000 was used as part of the down payment when Rossi and other investors, including two lobbyists, purchased a Mastro-owned Federal Way apartment building that year. Documents show Mastro loaned the investors \$2 million to buy the apartment from him, with a sale price of \$2.5 million. (The Associated Press, "Dems Question Unreported Rossi Loan," October 25, 2008)

Rossi's Campaigns Benefited from Illegal Contributions

BIAW Paid \$242,000 Fine in Campaign Finance Case. In September 2010, the Builders Industry Association of Washington paid a \$242,000 fine in a campaign finance case over the group's delay in reporting money raised to aid Dino Rossi's campaign for governor in 2008. According to *The Olympian*:

"An arm of the Building Industry Association of Washington agreed today to pay \$242,000 in immediate penalties to settle a lawsuit over its one year delay in reporting money raised to aid Dino Rossi's 2008 campaign for governor." (The Olympian, "BIAW to Pay \$242,000 Fine in Campaign Finance Case," September 24, 2010)

Part of the fine was suspended if the Builders' Member Services Corporation could avoid campaign finance problems through 2016. (The Olympian, "BIAW to Pay \$242,000 Fine in Campaign Finance Case," September 24, 2010)

Rossi Fought To Cancel Voter-Approved Increases In The Minimum Wage

Rossi Voted To Undermine Washington's Voter-Approved Minimum Wage. In 1998 Washington voters passed Initiative 668, which indexed Washington's minimum wage to inflation. In 2003 Rossi voted for legislation that would block this practice and freeze the minimum wage. According to the Associated Press, "Washington's minimum wage would no longer increase every year with the cost of living if a bill approved by the Senate becomes law. Under an initiative approved by voters in 1998, the minimum wage goes up every year as long as the cost of living keeps rising. Known as 'indexing,' the increases keep the wage one of the nation's highest'... Senate Bill 5697 would freeze the wage unless the state's unemployment rate dropped below the federal jobless rate." [ESSB 5697, Rossi – Yea, [3/12/03](#)]

Rossi Proposed Cutting \$1.50 Per Hour From The Minimum Wage

Rossi Would Consider Lowering Minimum Wage. When asked if he would consider supporting lowering the minimum wage by \$1.50 per hour, Rossi said, "You bet." "Minimum wage is really your first job. How many people stay at minimum wage? Not very long. It's not meant to be a family wage. It's meant to be an entry level wage." [Association of Washington Business debate, 9/25/08]

ROSSI OPPOSED CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES FOR COMPANIES THAT SHIP JOBS OVERSEAS

Defended Opposition to State Aid Bill, Closure of Corporate Tax Loophole. In August 2010, Rossi defended his opposition to the State Aid Bill and the closure of corporate tax loopholes, calling their closure a "permanent tax." According to *The Columbian*:

"It was done in a hasty manner. She put a permanent tax in place for a temporary fix, and she's taking money from our troops.' He did not elaborate." (The Columbian, "Rossi Still Disputes Job-Saving Measure," August 4, 2010)

Washington Independent: Bill "...Raises One Tax – "Closing a Loophole that Encouraged Big Companies to Hire Overseas Workers." In August 2010, an article in *The Washington Independent* said

that the state aid bill raised one tax by “closing a loophole that encouraged big companies to hire overseas workers. According to *The Washington Independent*:

“It raises one tax — closing a loophole that encouraged big companies to hire overseas workers — and otherwise rescinds funds from federal programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps.” (The Washington Independent, “Was the State Aid Bill a Bailout,” August 11, 2010)

The article continued:

“The tax increase is minor, and stops encouraging big companies to ship jobs overseas.” (The Washington Independent, “Was the State Aid Bill a Bailout,” August 11, 2010)

McClatchy/The Olympian: “Murray’s Measure Would...Close \$9.6 Billion in Foreign Tax Credit Loopholes to Multinational Companies.” In August 2010, *McClatchy* reported that Murray’s measure, would, while also taking unspent money from expiring programs, “close \$9.6 billion in foreign tax credit loopholes to multinational companies.” According to *McClatchy DC/The Olympian*:

“Among others things, Murray’s measure would roll back \$11.9 billion in additional food stamp benefits that were scheduled to take place in 2014, take unspent money from programs that were slated to expire and close \$9.6 billion in foreign tax credit loopholes to multinational companies.” (*McClatchy DC/ The Olympian*: “Vote Today May Spare State Cuts,” August 5, 2010)

Rossi Opposed State Aid Package, Opposed Closure of Tax Loophole for Multinational Companies. In August 2010, Rossi opposed the state aid package, and opposed the closure of a tax loophole for multinational companies. According to *The Seattle Times*:

“But a spokeswoman confirms that Rossi opposed the ‘state bailout’ measure. ‘This is a stopgap measure which temporarily bails out states, letting them put off making the same tough budget decisions Washington State families are making every day,’ Rossi said in a statement. ‘The measure proposed by Sen. Murray contained a permanent tax increase to pay for temporary spending, in addition to cutting needed money from our men and women in uniform.’ The tax Rossi was referring to is what Democrats called closure of a tax loophole allowing multinational corporations to avoid some U.S. taxes.” (*The Seattle Times*, “Rossi Says He’d Have Opposed State Aid,” August 5, 2010)

Tax Experts Say Tax Code Encouraged US Corporations to Ship Jobs Overseas. According to the Center for American Progress, “. . . [T]here’s the problem of the current tax code encouraging U.S. corporations to move manufacturing and service jobs overseas. Companies with more overseas operations have more ways to avoid taxation using the various games the tax code permits. . . . Another provision deals with the foreign tax credit. This credit reduces a corporation’s U.S. tax liability by the amount of tax it pays to other governments so that the same income isn’t taxed by two different national governments. The problem is that under current law there are tricks that corporations can play to essentially get the credit for foreign taxes that aren’t actually paid. The administration limits these games. Other provisions further limit corporations’ ability to take advantage of tax havens.” [Center for America Progress, [Fixing our Overseas Tax Rules](#), June 1, 2009]

Analysts Said Current Tax System Provides Incentive to Locate Production Offshore. As reported by [USA Today](#), “The charge could be dismissed as typical campaign-trail exaggeration during a Democratic primary season marked by populism, except for one thing. Many analysts say it’s true. “The U.S. tax system does provide an incentive to locate production offshore,” says Martin Sullivan, a contributing editor to *Tax Notes*, a non-profit publication that tracks tax issues.” [[USA Today](#), 3/21/08]

Different Tax Requirements for Profits Earned by Foreign Subsidiaries of American Corporations

Creates Loophole in Current Tax System. As reported by [USA Today](#), “At issue is the U.S. tax code's treatment of profits earned by foreign subsidiaries of American corporations. Profits earned in the United States are subject to the 35% corporate tax. But multinational corporations can defer paying U.S. taxes on their overseas profits until they return them to the USA — transfers that often don't happen for years. General Electric, for example, has \$62 billion in "undistributed earnings" parked offshore, according to recent Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Drug giant Pfizer boasts \$60 billion. ExxonMobil has \$56 billion. [[USA Today](#), 3/21/08]

Obama Called for Eliminating Tax Breaks for Companies that Ship Jobs Overseas. On May 4, 2009, President Obama stated that his budget would end tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. The President's proposal would accomplish this goal by stopping letting American companies that create jobs overseas to take deductions on their expenses when they do not pay any American taxes on their profits. The [New York Times](#) said Obama's proposal would eliminate many tax breaks for outsourcing: “The administration would raise \$86.5 billion by ending a practice in which companies create foreign subsidiaries to shift income in ways that avoid taxes....Another proposal would close a loophole that allows companies to inflate the credits they claim for foreign taxes to the I.R.S., for an estimated \$43 billion in new revenues. Separate steps to crack down on wealthy individuals would raise nearly \$9 billion.” [Obama Remarks, 5/04/09; [New York Times](#), 5/4/09]

Rossi Was First Senate Candidate to Come Out in Favor of Repealing Wall Street Reform Hours After Fundraiser with Corporate Lobbyists Who Opposed Reform

Rossi Became First Senate Candidate to Come Out in Favor of Repeal of Wall Street Reform during Noon Interview on July 27, 2010. During a 12 PM EST interview with ABC News, Rossi said that he thought that Wall Street Reform should be repealed, becoming the first Senate candidate to say so. ([The Washington Post](#), “[Dino Rossi Backs Repeal of Wall Street Reform](#),” July 27, 2010; [ABC News](#), “[GOP Senate Candidate Rossi: Repeal Wall Street Reform, Health Care Law](#),” July 27, 2010)

Rossi Held Breakfast Fundraiser with Chamber of Commerce PAC on Morning of July 27, 2010. On July 27, 2010, Rossi held a breakfast fundraiser with the Chamber of Commerce PAC. The Chamber had been lobbying against Wall Street Reform. According to [The Hill](#):

“The Chamber has been engaged in lobbying efforts against the financial reform bill currently before Congress, which Murray is backing. Rossi has yet to take a position on the proposed reform.” ([The Hill](#), “[Chamber of Commerce PAC to Host Fundraiser for Rossi](#),” July 7, 2010)

Bloomberg Described Chamber as “the Country's Largest Business Lobbying Group.” In March 24, 2010, [Bloomberg](#) described the Chamber as “the country's largest business lobbying group.” According to [Bloomberg](#):

“Deputy Treasury Secretary Neal Wolin, addressing the country's largest business lobbying group, criticized the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's opposition to parts of the proposed overhaul of financial regulation.” ([Bloomberg](#), “[Wolin Criticizes Lobbying Against Financial Overhaul](#),” March 24, 2010)

Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President: “We're a Lobbying Organization.” In March 2010, Bruce Josten, executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce described the Chamber as a lobbying organization. According to [CNN](#):

“Their \$144 million lobbying budget last year, says Artush, ‘will buy you a lot. You can buy, you know, a lobbyist to talk to every member of Congress every day.’ ‘So?’ asks Josten. ‘We're a lobbying organization. That's what we do!’” ([CNN](#), “[Chamber of Commerce Lobbies Against Health Care Bill](#),” March 17, 2010)

Chamber of Commerce Opposed Wall Street Reform. On the day of Wall Street Reform's passage, the Chamber of Commerce sharply criticized the bill. (*The Hill*, "Chamber Bashes Passage of Wall Street Reform Bill," May 21, 2010)

The Hill noted their opposition when writing about Rossi's Chamber fundraiser. According to *The Hill*:

"The Chamber has been engaged in lobbying efforts against the financial reform bill currently before Congress, which Murray is backing. Rossi has yet to take a position on the proposed reform." (*The Hill*, "[Chamber of Commerce PAC to Host Fundraiser for Rossi](#)," July 7, 2010)

Rossi Held Fundraiser at Hedge Fund Elliott Associates. On June 30, Rossi held a joint fundraiser with several Senate candidates a hedge fund Elliott Associates. (*Publicola*, "[Rossi Holds Last Minute Fundraiser with Tea Party Star Marco Rubio](#)," July 1, 2010; *Politico*, "[Paul Singer Raises for Fiorina, Rossi, Rubio, Others](#)," June 30, 2010)

Raised \$134,882.70 from Joint Fundraiser at Hedge Fund. On June 30, 2010, Rossi raised \$134,882.70 from the joint fundraiser at the hedge fund. (*Report of Receipts and Disbursements*, "Rossi for Senate," April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010)

Raised \$2,400 from Employee of Broker-Dealer Investment Partnership. On July 13, Rossi raised \$2,400 from an investment manager at Spring Street Partners, an investment partnership that has been registered with the SEC as a broker/dealer since 1995. (*Report of Receipts and Disbursements*, Rossi for Senate, July 1, 2010 – July 28, 2010)

Accepted \$3,000 from Lobbyists on July 28th, 2010. On July 28, 2010, Rossi accepted \$3,000 from lobbyists. Rossi accepted \$1,000 each from Alex Vogel and Bruce Mehlman. He Accepted \$500 each from Eric Ueland and Daniel Meyer. (Senate Office of Public Records, Search: Mehlman, Bruce, Meyer, Daniel, Ueland, Eric, Vogel, Alex,; Report of Receipts and Disbursements, "July 1, 2010 Through July 28, 2010)

Accepted \$1,000 from Lobbyist on July 27, 2010. On July 27, 2010, Rossi accepted a \$1,000 from a lobbyist named Dean Rosen. (*Senate Office of Public Records*, Search: Dean Rosen; *Report of Receipts and Disbursements*, "July 1, 2010 Through July 28, 2010)

Bruce Mehlman, Alex Vogel, Dean Rosen are Currently Registered Lobbyists for Business Roundtable, Davidson Kempner Capital Management (2010). Alex Vogel, Dean Rosen and Bruce Mehlman are currently registered lobbyists for the Business Roundtable and the Davidson Kempner Capital Management, (*Senate Office of Public Records*, Search: Mehlman, Bruce, Vogel, Alex, Rosen, Dean)

Eric Ueland, Daniel Meyer Currently Registered Lobbyists for Business Roundtable, Bank of New York Mellon, Goldman Sachs, Broadridge Financial Solutions (2010). Eric Ueland and Daniel Meyer are currently registered lobbyists for the Business Roundtable, Bank of New York Mellon, Goldman Sachs, and Broadridge Financial Solutions. (*Senate Office of Public Records*, Search: Ueland, Eric, Meyer, Daniel)

Seattle Times on Wall Street Reform: "The Big Banks do Not Want This Bill this Bill." In July 2010, *The Seattle Times* said that the big banks did not want Wall Street Reform. According to *The Seattle Times*:

"When U.S. Senate candidate Dino Rossi denounces Murray for supporting a "bailout bill," we think: What would you do? Rossi missed an opportunity when he opposed the bill. He should have voiced his support, which would have demonstrated independence from a misguided Republican leadership. The big financial companies do not want this bill." (*The Seattle Times*, "Banking on Regulation," July 18, 2010)