

#### A NOTE FROM MARIE

Dear Friend,

I was sent to Congress to serve as an independent voice for Southwest Washington. And when I'm away on the stormy seas of Capitol Hill, the lighthouse that keeps me on course has been, and will always be, the values that make our home such an incredible place to live.

We appreciate real people with real experience — and we know that master tradesmen should have just as much say in how our country is run as people with masters degrees. I work in the trades, my husband and I built our own home at the end of a gravel road, and we heat that house with a wood stove. Our way of life isn't typical in Congress but it is typical for our neighbors, and I'm fighting to make it possible for more folks like you and I to have a seat at the table.

In Southwest Washington we also know that our community means more than our party affiliation. When our neighbors have a problem, we sit down and figure out how to solve it. We don't hang them out to dry just because they vote differently than us. Despite D.C. trying its damnedest to turn everything into a zero-sum partisan game, I've been able to find common ground and make bipartisan progress on the issues that matter most to us.

As one of the most bipartisan lawmakers in Congress, I'm fighting to lower energy costs for Washington consumers, make it easier for veterans to get the care they deserve, connect young people with careers in the trades, ensure farmers can fix their own equipment, and more.

I put this report together because it's my mission to be as accessible as possible. If there's anything I can do for you, or if you just want to share your thoughts, please reach out. I'm excited to see what the new year brings. Stay in touch, and thank you for allowing me to serve on your behalf.

Sincerely,

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### **2025 BY THE NUMBERS**

\$6,040,599	Recovered for Constituents Owed to Them By Federal Agencies
1,114	Constituent Cases Closed
213,120	Replies to Letters, Emails and Calls from Constituents
\$6,380,000	Secured for Community-Led Projects
7	In Person Town Halls Helds Across Southwest Washington
12	Mobile Office Hours Held, Serving the Entire District
12	Community Roundtables on Emergency Preparedness, Building More Housing, and

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Career and Technical Education Programs Visited

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- 72% of Votes were Bipartisan
- 34 Bipartisan Bills Introduced
- Most Bipartisan Member of Washington Delegation

# DELIVERING ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITIES

This was my first year serving on the House Appropriations Committee, where I've been working across the aisle to:

- Strengthen trades and career and technical education.
- Explore new treatment options for substance abuse disorder.
- Support the mental health of corrections officers and law enforcement.
- Cap the brightness of car headlights.
- Investigate the impact of pharmacy benefit managers on drug prices.
- Address consolidation in the infant formula and emergency vehicle industries.
- Ensure parents have the choice to opt their kids out of mandatory active shooter drills.



I joined a House Committee on Natural Resources hearing to push to cull more of the sea lions that are feasting on Columbia River salmon and steelhead.

I pushed the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to cap headlight brightness and replace the I-5 Bridge.



#### FIGHTING FOR OUR RURAL SCHOOLS

One of my top priorities this past year was making sure that my bipartisan bill to reauthorize the **Secure Rural Schools** (SRS) program **passed**.

SRS helps fund schools in rural communities across
Southwest Washington that have been prevented from
harvesting the amount of timber they need to generate
adequate revenue. But Congress let SRS lapse and, because
of my colleagues' neglect, schools closed up and teachers
were laid off.

I spent over a year telling anyone who would listen about how important SRS is to students in Southwest Washington. I'm glad I was finally able to wake my colleagues up to the realities timber communities in SW Washington are facing and get my bipartisan legislation across the finish line.

## The Chronicle

'A huge relief': MGP heralds passage of Secure Rural Schools funding

12/30/25



#### **CUTTING THROUGH RED TAPE**

"After filing for SS retirement benefits, I was having trouble getting any response from them. It had been over 2 months and every time I called them I got a runaround. I contacted Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez's office on a Wednesday, and on the very next day I received the information from Social Security I had desperately been trying to get. I have never had anyone work so fast for me. I am truly appreciative to her and her staff. They are the best."

— Diana H., Vancouver

"In a moment of urgency, we reached out to Representative Gluesenkamp Perez's office for help. Her team responded same day with clear, compassionate guidance ... Thanks to their support, I was able to receive my passport without further stress. I'm forever grateful for their kindness and efficiency during a difficult time."

— Sofia R., Centralia

"After spending 4 months trying to get USPS to help I finally wrote to congresswoman Perez's office. They wrote us back and said they would take care of it. Today, after almost 5 months with USPS, the package was finally delivered! I am glad I thought to ask the congresswoman for help!"

— Dan S., Vancouver

#### **SERVING YOU**



In addition to my work to pass legislation to support our communities, my bipartisan team works each and every day to make sure that federal agencies like the VA, IRS, State Department, and Social Security Administration aren't giving you the runaround.

We've assisted with missing or delayed tax refunds, Social Security checks, and veterans benefits – but we can also help with service medals, visa application issues, and firearm transaction delays. **This year, we've recovered more than \$6 million for Southwest Washington constituents.** 

By reaching out, you're doing more than getting a hand solving a problem you're facing. You're letting us know where our federal government needs to be more responsive – so please send your friends, family, and neighbors my way when you hear they aren't getting a fair shake.

We've held 12 mobile office hours providing services across every county where I don't have an office, so you can keep an eye out for dates on my website — or just call 360-695-6292, visit gluesenkampperez.house.gov/casework, or visit my offices in Vancouver or Kelso.

#### BRINGING FEDERAL DOLLARS BACK HOME

Folks across Southwest Washington are leading the charge to look out for their neighbors. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I'm working to bring federal dollars home to support the work that they're doing to strengthen their communities.

So far this year, I've brought back more than \$6.3 million for local projects in our communities — efforts to bring up the next generation of tradespeople, train first responders and law enforcement, make it easier to find a doctor no matter where you live, and keep our drinking water clean.

- \$1,015,000 to help Napavine School District construct a new shop building for the high school's agriculture program.
- \$1 million for Lewis County Fire District No. 15 to purchase land for a new training center.
- \$1,015,000 to back the effort to construct and equip a replacement Primary Care Clinic at the Willapa Harbor Hospital.
- \$950,000 to support the project to repair the Raymond Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- \$2.4 million for Skamania PUD to upgrade water sources and booster pump stations critical to drinking water, agriculture, and fire protection in the area.

These projects are the nuts and bolts of good government. Congress is continuing to consider spending bills for the remainder of the Fiscal Year, and I'll keep pushing to bring home funding for critical projects that are already underway in our communities like:

- Investments to keep drinking water clean across Clark County.
- Building meat processing capacity in Tenino.
- Efforts to mitigate invasive sea lions in the Columbia River.







#### AN INDEPENDENT VOICE

I came to Congress to represent Southwest Washington, not a political party. I know that no party has a monopoly on good ideas, and that a truly deliberative democracy doesn't happen without putting in the hard work to understand where each other is coming from and what matters to the places we call home. That's why **74% of the bills I've introduced are bipartisan**.

But staying true to Southwest Washington is about more than reaching across the aisle. I'm not afraid to stand up to both parties when the moment demands it.

I introduced an amendment to establish a method of ensuring that Members of Congress can meet cognitive acuity standards. In recent years, there have been alarming stories about colleagues on both sides of the aisle who were unable to fulfill the duties their constituents entrusted them to fulfill. That's unacceptable. The American people need to know that Representatives, not staff, are making the decisions. Many of my Democratic and Republican colleagues were upset, but the folks back home were with me, so I'll keep pushing to take on this problem.

### The Columbian

3rd District Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez wants Congress members to be checked for mental acuity



#### STANDING WITH TRADES

Folks should be able to make a living and support their family by choosing a career path where they do what they love and are skilled at. But unfortunately, the trades are a huge blind spot for most of my colleagues.

I ran an auto repair and machine shop with my husband before coming to Congress, and I've toured Career and Technical Education programs in every county in Washington's Third District, so you can trust me when I say that strengthening trades is a priority for me. This year, I've led on bipartisan legislation to:

- Build the trades workforce of the future.
- Help small businesses hire trade school graduates and support them in starting their own businesses.
- Build awareness of career and technical education opportunities.
- Strengthen forestry career training.

I've also passed amendments through the Appropriations committee to boost federal CTE funding and ensure CTE programs are being offered to middle schoolers. I also worked to elevate shop class to the AP level, bringing them into parity with other career paths.



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