

Office of Congresswoman Suzan DelBene

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



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# Legislation

This year, I continued to advance many bipartisan pieces of legislation that help address costs, make our communities safer, and grow our economy. Below are a few of my priorities.

**Addressing Housing Affordability:** The limited supply of affordable housing is one of the major factors causing rent prices to increase all over the country and in communities across Washington. I introduced the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, bipartisan legislation that would create more affordable homes.

**Constructing Military Homes in Snohomish County:** I secured \$19 million to construct 100+ homes for servicemembers and their families at Naval Station Everett, freeing up more housing for others in the area.

**Bringing Back Monthly Child Tax Credit Payments:** The enhanced Child Tax Credit was the largest tax cut for working families in generations. Monthly payments reached more than 1.4 million children in Washington and cut child poverty nearly in half. I introduced the American Family Act to bring back these monthly payments and make the expanded credit permanent.

**Prior Authorization Reform:** Prior authorization often used by health insurance plans to delay, discourage, or deny medically necessary care. This practice can result in frustration for patients and their families, harm, and even death. That's why I introduced the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act, bipartisan legislation to help get seniors the care they need when they need it by streamlining and modernizing the prior authorization process in Medicare Advantage.

**Protecting Communities from Natural Disasters:** I introduced legislation that passed the House to continue important programs that are addressing gaps in science and mapping data critical to understanding landslide risks and ensuring communities are better prepared to respond to natural disasters. I authored the original National Landslide Preparedness Act that created these programs in 2021. Washington received \$300,000 from the law earlier this year.



# Correspondence

Hearing from you and learning about your experiences helps inform my decisions as your Congresswoman. My office has received and responded to thousands of letters, phone calls, and emails from constituents like you. Thank you for staying connected and engaged.

**58,852**

**Emails responded to**

**Calls returned**

**Letters written**

# Events & Outreach

I'm honored to have met with families, workers, business owners, organizations, and local officials from across Washington's 1st District to learn more about the issues that matter most to you, discuss my work in Congress, and explore ways we can continue working to move our communities forward.



# 117 events



# Events & Outreach



## Event highlights from this year:

- 1 I joined Snohomish County for a tour of the Chinook Marsh. I helped secure \$960,000 to help restore and protect this vital habitat and recreation area.
- 2 I stood in solidarity with IAM 751 workers at the Everett picket line in support of their fight for a fair contract with Boeing. These talented machinists and aerospace workers power our region's aerospace industry.
- 3 I joined Sound Transit and community leaders for the 2 Line preview ride. The opening of the 2 Line expanded access to light rail in our district. Running from Bellevue to Redmond, the 2 Line is connecting our communities to work, fun, and loved ones.
- 4 Along with CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks La-Sure, I hosted a round table in Redmond with patients and providers about insurance prior authorization to discuss my efforts to cut red tape and dated paper-work processes for thousands of Washington seniors.

# Casework

One of my most important responsibilities as a Congresswoman is assisting constituents in navigating federal agencies by expediting services and cutting through red tape when possible. I'm pleased to share that my office successfully helped constituents recoup over \$3.7 million in federal benefits, including Social Security and VA benefits. If you are ever in need of federal assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out through my [website](#) or call my District Office at (425) 485-0085.

**\$ 3,701,492**  
of federal benefits recouped for  
constituents

**Constituent #1:**

I'd never contacted my representative before, but I couldn't be more grateful and happy! Thanks for the help in securing my \$147,000 backpay from the Social Security Administration. I trust Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and her staff to always come through, my faith has been restored!

**Kimberly from Lake Stevens**

**Constituent #2:**

Thank you Congresswoman DelBene for your help! I don't think the VA would have moved as quickly on my father's \$10,000 life insurance payout without your intervention and advocacy.

**John from Woodinville**

**1,057**  
Constituent service requests answered

# Grants

This year, I secured over **\$300 million** in federal funds for projects across our state and Washington's 1st District. This funding will support wildlife habitat restoration, bridge and roadway replacements, and reducing carbon emissions.

**\$ 343,762,948**  
**federal dollars brought to**  
**Washington**  
**15 grants secured**

## These grants include:

**\$30 million** for two expansions of the Eastrail network in King County.

Over **\$21 million** to restore fish habitats in Snohomish County.

Nearly **\$50 million** to reduce building emissions in King County.

Over **\$10 million** for Chinook salmon recovery in the Whidbey Basin watersheds.



# Community Project Funding

Since 2021, Members of Congress have been able to advocate for funding for specific projects in their community. This year, I secured nearly \$18 million for 15 projects in Washington's 1st District. These projects include:

**\$5 million** for the Snohomish County Food and Farming Center.



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Nearly **\$1 million** for the Bellevue Police Department's body-worn camera program to increase transparency and trust with the community.

**\$850,000** to revitalize downtown Mountlake Terrace.



**\$1.5 million** for roadway and trail improvements in Arlington on SR-530 and SR-531.