



Patty Murray
United States Senator

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Ms. Alma Plancich
Executive Director
Ethnic Heritage Council
305 Harrison Street, Suite 322
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Ms. Plancich:

I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to those being sworn in as citizens of the United States of America! Although I am unable to attend this event, I want you to know I am with you in spirit.

One of the many values that makes America so great is that no matter where we start off from in life, we believe that everyone deserves to have a shot at the American dream. As your United States Senator I will continue to fight for that opportunity.

I know this ceremony marks the end of a long and difficult process. Your dedication, determination and patriotism will serve you and the United States, well in the future.

Today, we are reminded how very fortunate we are to have a large and vibrant immigrant community here in the Northwest. Regionally, King County is blessed by the cultural, civic, and economic contributions made by immigrants. I believe one of our country's greatest strengths is the diversity of the people that make up its citizenry.

Please accept my best wishes for many wonderful years to come in the United States.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray
United States Senator

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