



**“State government  
doesn’t have a revenue problem;  
it has a spending problem.**

**I don’t mind paying my fair share of taxes,  
but I want to know it’s being spent wisely.  
What they do to business  
has a ripple effect  
throughout the state’s  
entire economy.”**

Amy Igloi-Matsuno, Owner  
Amy’s on the Bay, Port Orchard

## **Our State’s Business Climate is Tough. But you can do something about it.**

Amy Igloi-Matsuno and thousands of business owners are doing everything they can to survive in this economy. They’re cutting costs, finding ways to innovate and getting by with less.

But sometimes it feels like the cards are stacked against them.

Business taxes have jumped. And because policymakers have failed to make critical, systemic changes to get spending under control, we face a massive \$4.5 billion budget deficit.

Lawmakers will be looking for ways to bridge the gap, including raising costs on employers—again. And that will jeopardize jobs.

We can’t control the ups and downs of the economy. But we can promote a more business-friendly climate in Washington state.

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