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## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

After the shortest legislative interim in history, my colleagues and I are just finishing up three days of pre-session planning for the 2016 legislative session. We gathered in Olympia to hold committee hearings, work sessions and caucus meetings.

Over the last five months I've attended statewide education "listening" meetings, met with constituents and even had a little fun with my family. Please read on for a quick update.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann", written in a cursive style.

## Local business groups say 'thank you'

Since the 2015 session wrapped up in mid-July, I've attended nearly a dozen events and been presented with "Legislator of the year" type awards. Naturally I'm flattered that the hard work I've done in Olympia has been recognized by so many different groups – from fire chiefs to business groups to the Coastal Conservation Association.

While I appreciate every group that has singled me out, last night I attended the awards and installation dinner for the Building Industry Association of Clark County where I was honored with its "President's Award."



My dad was a contractor and I know firsthand how hard they work. The recession over the past seven years was devastating to my friends and neighbors who are home builders. To see BIA members flourishing again as they build Clark County and bring affordable housing to our community is truly heartwarming. Anything I can do to help them is at the top of my priority list!

### **Don't lose touch!**

You should have received the following email from me earlier in the week. If you haven't already, please take just a moment (I promise it's very quick) to respond so you'll continue to receive my e-newsletters during the upcoming session.

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**On a serious note**

My office has heard from folks concerned about the Syrian refugee situation. While I share many of your concerns, I also know that I need to take a compassionate and thoughtful approach to my response on this issue; a knee-jerk inflammatory post on Facebook isn't really my style and as a lawmaker that doesn't move the issue forward. I have joined 13 of my colleagues in signing a letter to Governor Inslee asking him to pause the process of resettlement. You can trust I'm engaged in this issue and have the safety of my friends and neighbors – and the people of Washington – at heart.

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving during this time of uncertainty in the world, I want to encourage you to hug your loved ones and let them know how thankful you are they are in your life.

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