

A photograph of Darcy Burner, a woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a dark blazer over a red top. She is smiling and has a small American flag pin on her lapel. The background shows a snowy mountain range under a blue sky. At the top of the page, there is a red banner with the name 'Darcy' in large white letters, and a portion of an American flag is visible above that.

Darcy

Strengthen the Economy
and Create Good Jobs

Yes. We. Can.

Child Safety

Testing toys for toxins

The Iraq War

A Responsible Plan
to End the War

Coming Home

Taking care of our veterans

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We need change, a clean break from the Bush Republicans. We've got to reduce the debt, end the war, and make the government serve the people again.



“Darcy, what can we do about the economy?”

Q: I'm worried about the economy. What can we do?
Vivian (Carnation)

Darcy: It seems we have a problem – we're in debt with rising prices and stagnant wages. I strongly support Barack Obama's plan to jump start the economy – including tax cuts for the middle class. We have been through hard times before and sensible economic policies can do a lot to reduce the pain of an economic downturn and get our economy moving again.

Q: I heard your house burned down. Is everyone OK? What happened?
Ellen (Kent)

Darcy: We are all fine, though, sadly, our cat Charlotte didn't make it. The firefighters did a remarkable job, even saving our puppy. The fire was caused by a faulty lamp in my son Henry's room. The smoke woke him up and he ran into our room. I scooped him up and ran out while Mike tried to fight the fire, but it overwhelmed him. I am grateful we made it out okay.

Q: Do you have family down here in Rochester?
Jimmy (Rochester)

Darcy: I do. My dad's family is from Rochester. When I was growing up, we spent many wonderful summers there, and my dad worked summers as a park ranger on Mt. Rainier. Now, Henry, Mike and I go to

Renton, Duvall, Marysville, West Seattle, Rochester, Olympia, Centralia, and Chehalis to spend time with family.

Q: Is your brother really an Iraq vet? When did he serve? How's he doing?
Bruce (Renton)

Darcy: There are many veterans in my family: my father, my husband, my brothers, and my cousins have served. My brother Jason served in the 101st Airborne and was one of the first sent to Iraq. Jason was in the Army for 20 years. He's retired now. However, like so many veterans, he had a tough time finding a good job. We need to do a better job of giving our veterans what they have earned.

Q: I am a single Mom. Are you going to raise my taxes?
Lillian (Buckley)

Darcy: Definitely not! I will fight to LOWER taxes for hard-working men and women like you.

Q: How can we be sure that the things we buy – from food to toys – are safe? Even organic food doesn't mean it's been inspected.
Helen (Bellevue)

Darcy: We have a food and product safety crisis in this country. Just before the holidays last year, I organized toy testing in seven towns in the District. 10% of the toys tested had dangerous levels of lead. We can fix this by making agencies like the Consumer Product Safety Commission responsible to us.

Q: I hear energy independence is creating new industries. How do we get those jobs here?
Rodney (Bellevue)

Darcy: We must reduce our need for foreign oil and use more green energy sources, such as solar and wind energy. There are already companies in the 8th District developing these technologies. We should encourage and assist companies that will create good high-paying jobs for hard-working Americans.

Q: Do you have enough experience for Congress?
Paul (Puyallup)

Darcy: Yes. They said the same things about Patty Murray when she ran for the Senate, and she has been a courageous leader. It is true I'm not a conventional politician, but I know how to get things done, and my priority is fighting for the middle class. I've seen how much this country has to offer. I've worked for small businesses and large corporations. I understand the technologies that will create jobs here in the coming decades. I've seen where government can help by providing opportunities, leveling the playing field and building infrastructure. And I've seen where it hurts – by imposing needless red tape on individuals and businesses, taxing unfairly and winking at corruption.

Am I ready for Congress? Yes, I'm ready to take your concerns and needs into the halls of power and demand that we are listened to. It's time for change in Washington, DC.

CHANGE

WE CAN BELIEVE IN



"This is such an exciting election. We have the opportunity to make a clean break with the old Bush problems. We can elect a new President and a new Congress that is dedicated to what Barack Obama calls *the next great chapter in the American story.*"

– Darcy Burner



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APPLE PIE



Bush Republicans gave big tax cuts to the super rich.
They claimed the crumbs would feed the rest of us.

Get Real. Vote Democratic.

Why would a nice person like me get involved in politics?

I WAS A HAPPY MOTHER, wife, and Group Program Manager at Microsoft in early 2003, when two things happened that changed my perspective on how I needed to spend my time. First, my son Henry was born, and I asked myself (as all new parents do) how I could give him the kind of life I wanted him to have.

But when he was two months old, my brother Jason marched into Iraq with the initial invading force – and I realized that no set of choices I could make would give my son the kind of life I wanted him to have unless we changed the direction of the country.

I'd never considered getting involved in politics. I'm a mom, and I had a good job at Microsoft.

But I have faced challenges before,

and I know how to find solutions that work. Growing up, my family didn't have a lot – every penny counted. But they taught me that no matter what challenges you face, you take on the tough problems together. They taught me the importance of family and community.

Whether it was joining the Civil Air Patrol and learning to fly as a teenager in a small town in Nebraska, or working several jobs to pay my way through Harvard University, or managing multi-million-dollar budgets as a professional, I always kept those lessons with me.

With the country I love headed in the wrong direction, I decided to do everything I could to get us back on track – and we can solve 1/435th of the problem with Congress right here

in the 8th District.

In this campaign, I've met many people who share the same values and want to see us bring real change to our nation. It'll take common sense and hard work to give our children the healthy, prosperous future they deserve.

Give me the job, and I'll get it done.

Darcy Burner grew up in a blue collar, military family. She worked her way through college and became a successful businesswoman. She understands what it takes to work and raise a family in Washington State.



Civil Air Patrol
1989 Cadet of the Year



My family in 1971: Mom, Tim, Dad, me & Jason



My dad and mom with me on the campaign trail

Family Scrapbook



Visiting family in Rochester, WA, 1978



My cousin Mike



Family portrait: husband Mike, son Henry, and me



Let's build an economy that works for all Americans

FOR GENERATIONS in America, parents have worked to give their children more opportunities than they were given. But now that may not be possible.

With the high cost of education and a shortage of well-paying jobs, it is harder than ever to get ahead. Income for the average American family is declining – down \$1,000 a year since Bush took office – while the costs of basics like food, gas, and health insurance are skyrocketing.

Too many families are being pushed past the breaking point.

Americans are being squeezed by a tax system that rewards corporations and the super wealthy but offers no help to the middle class.

Sinking home prices are hurting families while Wall Street investment banks get big bailouts. Meanwhile, our government has shot past \$9 trillion in debt – or \$31,000 for every

man, woman and child in America.

We can get America's economy moving forward again. Americans can solve the economic problems we face, but we need a clean break with the policies and people who created this mess to begin with.

Meaningful Tax Cuts: I support permanent tax cuts for the middle class to help people keep more of what they earn. Profitable corporations and hedge fund managers should pay their fair share of taxes. I am in favor of a pay-as-you-go fiscal policy at the federal level to bring the deficit under control and stop wasteful spending.

Investing in America: I know we can get our economy going again with investments in education and infrastructure, in new technologies and industries, and by crafting tax policies that encourage jobs and growth at

home rather than abroad. Every dime we spend needs to create a real return for the American middle class.

Sensible Energy Policy: I will fight to create an energy policy that frees the United States from its reliance on oil and achieves American energy independence. I will work to invest in new energy-conservation programs and clean, renewable energy technologies like solar, wind, and biofuels that will create good high-paying jobs.

Equal pay for equal work: Women are still earning 23% less than their male counterparts. Bringing women's salaries up to the level of men's will have a dramatically positive effect on our families.

I fought in corporate America for tough enforcement of equal pay for equal work. I will do the same in Congress.



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Getting to Yes

“Without Darcy Burner’s outreach to our employers, we would not have gotten the settlement,” said To Can Le, a single mother of three teenagers.

To Can Le works as a janitor and is part of the SEIU Local 6 negotiating team. They were negotiating for a \$1 an hour increase for 3,000 King County janitors and other union members. But the talks were stalled. They turned to Darcy Burner for help. Not missing a chance to bring the two sides together, Darcy got to work and an agreement was reached the next day. As To Can Le says, “With three kids, there is no extra. It will go for the basics like food and rent.”

“I believe that America’s free market has been the engine of our great progress. It’s created a prosperity that is the envy of the world . . . And it has provided great rewards to the innovators and risk-takers who have made America a beacon for science, and technology, and discovery. . .

We are all in this together.”

– Barack Obama

New Energy Economy starts in Washington State

A Norwegian company is investing millions of dollars to build a new plant and expand its facilities in Moses Lake. Workers there make polysilicon for solar panels that are sold worldwide. The company, which currently employs 350, plans to add 170 new jobs.

“We have abundant natural resources that can be used to stimulate local economic growth, but they must be used wisely and well,” says Darcy Burner. “The Moses Lake project shows us that new energy can create new jobs. We also need American business to invest in Washington state.”



Oil has a stranglehold on our economy

Every day 85 million barrels of oil are produced. Americans use 25% of that oil but we are only 4.5% of the world’s population. It costs us over \$700 billion a year.



New energy investment = more jobs

In 2005, US environmental industries generated more than 5.3 million jobs – 10 times the number in the pharmaceutical industry.



Common sense change to strengthen our economy

- ◆ Stop spending millions per day on the Iraq war
- ◆ Make cars that get better gas mileage
- ◆ Don’t let the oil company executives write US energy policy
- ◆ Invest in renewable, clean energy like solar, wind, and water power
- ◆ Don’t subsidize companies who ship jobs overseas
- ◆ Make sure American children get the best educations in the world



She’ll get the job done.

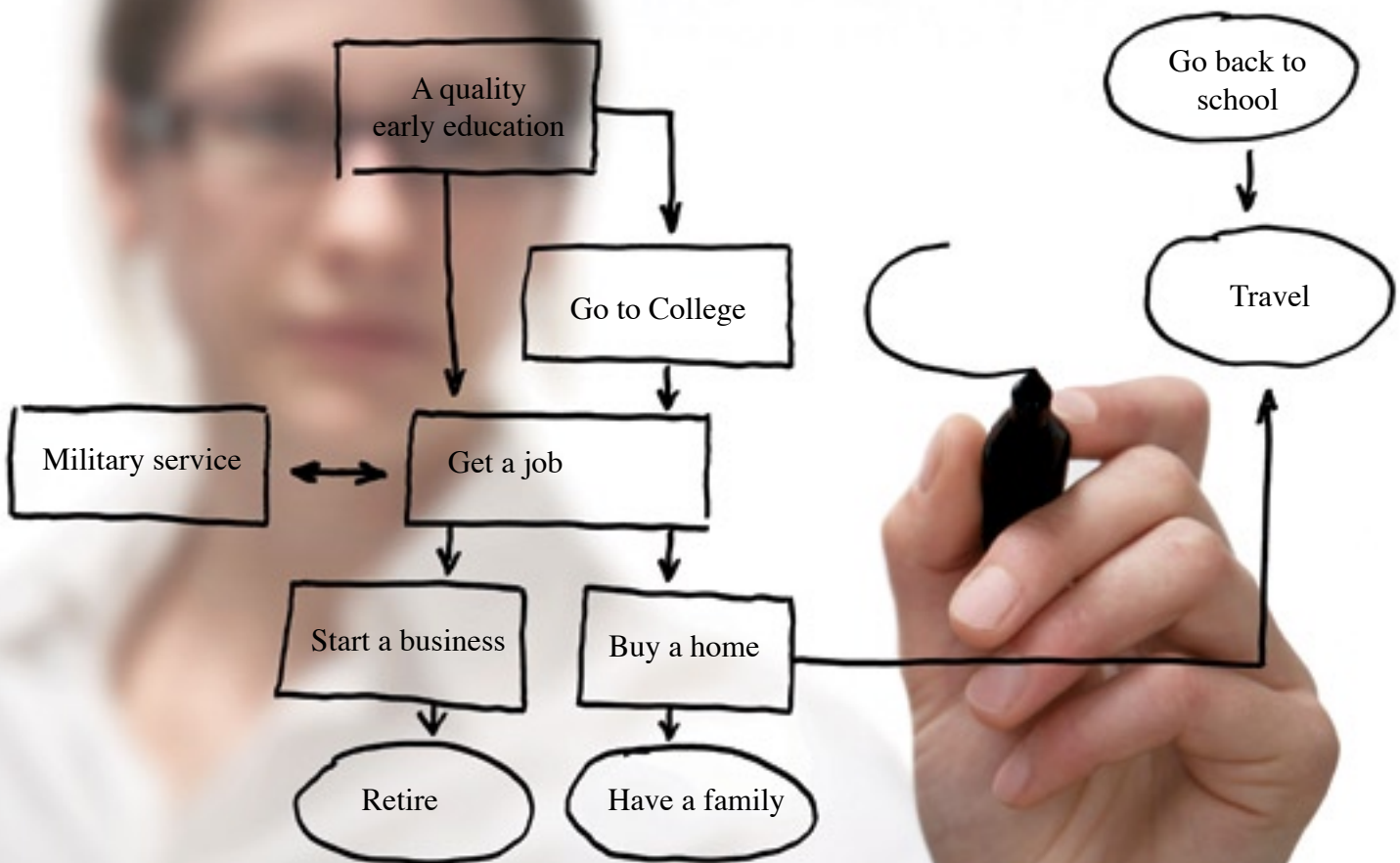
“Darcy and I worked together on numerous campaigns and complex initiatives during her tenure at Microsoft. Her down-to-earth, hands-on approach, clear vision and ‘get it done’ attitude were instrumental in leading her teams to success.”

– Gloria Wildeman
Lionfish Marketing, owner

Where Dave Reichert Stands on the issues

On June 30, 2008, *The Seattle Times* reported, “...Reichert is a reliable Republican vote on many issues. He supports keeping troops in Iraq and has voted with the president consistently on the war. He supports Bush’s tax cuts and opposes abortion.”

Find out more at www.darcyburner.com



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Education, it's how we keep the American Dream alive – for every child and every adult.

American Federation of Teachers, Washington
endorses Darcy Burner for Congress



Darcy's brother Jason in Iraq

COMING HOME

They risked everything for us, now it's time to show some appreciation.

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO VOLUNTEER for our military risk everything for our country. The least our government can do is to treat them with the honor and respect they deserve when they return.

Too many veterans sign up to get a college education but find the college tuition benefit is too little and too late to cover the costs. In recent years our government hasn't even been providing adequate medical care for those wounded in the line of duty. It's a disgrace.

A New GI Bill. The Democrats in Congress had to fight the Bush Republicans to get decent benefits for our veterans. Taking care of our vets must be a top priority.

Planning an Exit Strategy

Wherever I go in the 8th District, voters ask, "How are you going to end the war in Iraq?"

It's a question that deserves a good answer. I realized that we needed a comprehensive plan to responsibly end the war. This war is costing us too many lives and too much money – we are risking our future. Yet the Republican nominee for President says we could stay in Iraq for 100 years! That is crazy – it's time for the Iraqi government to take responsibility for their own country.

In the private sector I had developed detailed strategic plans, and I realized the same process could work to get a plan for Iraq on the table. I researched what had been done so far, and enlisted

several top-tier national security experts.

I worked closely with Major Gen. Paul Eaton (US Army, ret.), who had been one of our commanding generals in Iraq, and several others with Pentagon, Department of Defense, and State Department experience to create a new strategic approach for returning control of Iraq to the Iraqis and bringing our troops and our money home. At the same time, we mapped a strategy to prevent our nation from making the same mistakes again.

The Responsible Plan has won widespread praise, and now the Iraqi government has said it is time for our troops to begin leaving. We can responsibly end American military efforts in Iraq while protecting our interests overseas.

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A Responsible Plan to End the War

by Major General Paul D. Eaton (USA ret.)

When Darcy first reached out to me a year ago and asked for my help in putting together a comprehensive plan to end the war in Iraq, I thought she might be biting off more than she could chew. But Darcy kept at it.

Gradually, she won me over, and she did the same with other retired generals and respected national security experts. With our input, she developed the most comprehensive and widely-praised plan to counter the Bush administration's failure to bring American economic and diplomatic power to bear upon the prosecution of the war. In other words, a Bush war without end.

Her plan has earned Darcy the respect of military, political and foreign policy leaders, and has been endorsed by more than 60 Congressional and Senate candidates around the country.

With her talent and determination, I have no doubt that she will be a member of Congress who who will fight to make our country stronger by bringing the Iraq war to an end.

Major General Paul D. Eaton (ret.) served as a Commanding General in Iraq and led the Army in the formation of the Stryker Brigades at Fort Lewis.



Darcy with Major Gen. Paul Eaton

Are your children's toys safe?



This baby-tooth marked Bert had 133 times the allowable amount of lead. “We have regulations to keep toxins out of toys. When I get to DC, the regulators will hear from me,” says Burner.

BERT WAS FILLED with lead. Darcy Burner, working with ESSCO Safety Check, tested almost 500 toys in local communities before Christmas. Fifty-six of the toys tested contained lead

Dora the Explorer, Spiderman and Winnie the Pooh placemats all had toxic metals.

– one out of every ten toys tested. “Parents should not have to worry that presents they are giving could damage their children’s development,” reported Darcy Burner from Crossroads Mall.

During the two days of testing, some important patterns came to light. All of the children’s character placemats tested contained high levels of lead or cadmium; Dora, Spiderman and Winnie the Pooh all tested positive. Cooler-style lunchboxes and soft coolers also tended to have high lead content.

“Washington State led nationally on this issue after my testing. Now we need to take our Washington values to Washington, D.C. – and keep kids all over the country safe,” said Burner.



Toxic toys should not be sold.

Toy Test Results

Results from Darcy's toy tests were added to the www.HealthyToys.org website which tests toys and publishes lists of safe and dangerous toys.

Brush Your Teeth! Robot	high lead; high arsenic
Bugs Backpack	high lead, arsenic & mercury
Elmo's Take-Along Card Games	high lead
Tab Toys by Babyking	good
Giggle Tube by Toymsmith	good
Polly Pocket Car Cool Friends	good
Hot Wheels Terrordactyl Car Set	good
Wheel World's Big Motorcycle Chopper	bromine



“I’m counting the days until Bush is out of power. Darcy Burner is good news for us. She is about the future.” – Jim McDonnell



“The same old politicians can’t turn this country around. We need a big change in Congress.” – Maureen Judge



“I am very worried about the economy. We need someone who knows how business works, like Darcy.” – Carol Villeneuve

**I wanted a child so badly
I risked my life to have a baby.**

Nobody has the right to make that choice for me.

My husband Mike and I had dreamed of having children from the time we first met. When I became pregnant we were thrilled. Unfortunately our daughter Deirdre was born prematurely and died in the hospital, with Mike and I taking turns cradling her. It was devastating.

It took nearly ten years to get pregnant again, and my doctor was extremely concerned. I had to stay flat on my back for five months. And over and over again, we had to make hard choices about how much we were willing to risk for the pregnancy.

No politician has the right to make those choices for my family – or for any other family.

We finished the pregnancy in January 2003 with fluid filling my liver and lungs, my life in clear danger – and Henry was early, but we were eventually able to bring him home from the hospital healthy and thriving.

Who could have known then that Henry would save my life?

The Fire

You may have heard that our house burned to the ground in early July. A faulty lamp started it. The smoke woke Henry, and he came shouting into our room. I scooped him up and ran out of the house, while Mike frantically searched for Charlotte and Bruce Wayne, our cat and golden retriever puppy.

Charlotte was lost in the fire, but the rest of us are safe. The men and women of the fire department were fantastic. We lost everything we owned... but that was all just stuff. We are all safe, and I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude for the health and well-being of my family, and the kindness and support of our community.

Darcy



Who will care about her future?

She'll need us to look out for her. See she grows strong. Gets a good education. Blossoms.

And whatever profession she chooses, she'll need us to show her respect and pay her equally, not 23% less because she's a girl.

We will.

Elect Darcy Burner
Democrat for Congress

