

# OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

## LEADERSHIP THAT WORKS FOR ALL OREGONIANS

Strong Schools

Affordable Health Care

Economic Security

Safe Neighborhoods

## FEBRUARY 2008 AGENDA

*In the landmark 2007 session, Senate Democrats delivered real progress on an agenda of strong schools, affordable health care, economic security, and safe neighborhoods. That progress included record investments in education, the framework for fundamental health care reform, Oregon's first-ever rainy day fund, and 100 new state troopers.*

*In February 2008, Senate Democrats will build on those core commitments during a first-of-its-kind supplemental session that will serve as a trial run for annual sessions. We will tackle pressing issues that are impacting the lives of everyday Oregonians today, while increasing the accountability and responsiveness of the people's government.*

### Quality Home Care for Oregon Seniors and Children

We have a moral obligation to ensure first-rate care for our seniors and to protect our children from abuse and neglect. That's why Senate Democrats will:

- Strengthen home and community care for seniors by increasing resources for assisted living, adult foster care, and Oregon Project Independence
- Expand the number of child protective workers to ensure the safety of foster kids and other children under state supervision

### Safety and Economic Security for Oregon Communities

Building on the momentum generated during the 2007 session towards improving public safety and economic security in our communities, Senate Democrats will:

- Ensure 24/7 state police patrols
- Expand options for developing a sufficient and sustainable water supply for rural communities and all Oregonians

### Fairness for Oregon Homeowners

In the wake of the national mortgage meltdown, the most immediate need is protecting families who are facing potential foreclosure. That's why Senate Democrats will:

- Crackdown on fraudulent and abusive "rescue mortgage" foreclosure scams
- Provide homeowners who fall behind on their payments with clear and understandable information so they can avoid unnecessary foreclosures
- Rein in unlicensed loan originators who have operated with minimal state oversight and contributed to the foreclosure crisis

### Accountable Government for All Oregonians

The February 2008 session will give Oregonians the opportunity to judge the benefits of annual sessions, including:

- Enhanced oversight of state agency operations
- Greater ability to respond quickly to emerging policy and budget issues