

REP. MAUREEN WALSH, R- WALLA WALLA



State Representative Maureen Walsh represents the 16th Legislative District, which includes Walla Walla, Columbia, and parts of Benton and Franklin Counties. She has served as state representative since 2005. Before that, she served the 16th District as a legislative aide to Dave Mastin.

Her legislative priorities include creating and preserving jobs, addressing agriculture and water needs; making health care more affordable, preparing students for a changing economy and holding government agencies accountable. She believes these priorities can be addressed while protecting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens with disabilities. Maureen strongly supports early learning programs and expanding early education opportunities to rural areas in our state.

In 2009, she was honored by the Foster Parents of Washington State as an “Elected Official of the Year.” In 2010, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) selected Maureen as a “Guardian of Small Business” for her perfect pro-small-business voting record. That same year she received the “Silver Crayon Award” from the Early Learning Action Alliance.

Representative Walsh sits on three House committees: Health and Human Services Appropriations, Early Learning and Human Services; and Community Development and Housing. She also serves as a member of the “Thrive By Five” board, a nonprofit public-private partnership that "works to ensure that all children in Washington are ready to succeed in school and life." During the 2011 interim, she served on the Legislative Executive Work First Oversight Committee as well as the Children’s Legislative Oversight Committee.

Representative Walsh owns Onion World Restaurant located in downtown Walla Walla, and home of the Walla Walla Sweet Onion Sausage. She lives in College Place and has three children – Shauna, Patrick and Murphy. She has a degree in Commercial Art from the University of Cincinnati.