

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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DrewBoy Creative Art Gallery  
285 Williams Blvd  
Richland, WA 99352

Dear Friends,

I write to extend my warmest greetings to all of you who have gathered together for an evening of engagement, creativity and self-expression. A healthy democracy requires the active participation of all its people, and I am pleased that DrewBoy Creative and Confluent Space Tri-Cities have fostered this opportunity.

I am proud that Washington is a state that values tolerance and inclusion. Our diversity is central to our identity, culture, and economy. As your senator, I will continue to stand up for the rights of every person, regardless of their gender, race, religion, identity or socio-economic status.

I am inspired by the outpouring of passion from all of you. Fierce advocacy is vital to our democracy. While our path forward is not always clear and may not be easy, your support for each other and our community, your commitment to justice and equality, your hard work, and your art will continue to propel our nation forward.

Thank you for being here tonight. Thank you also to DrewBoy Creative for fostering art that nurtures and engages our society. I look forward to working with each of you in the future to continue building a society that is more equitable, just, and rooted in the strengths of a diverse democracy.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Cantwell".

Maria Cantwell  
United States Senator