

## **Williams demonstrates her commitment**

**W**hat we need from our local politicians in these challenging times is the ability to listen to us, the humility to learn from us and the tenacity to act on our behalf and in our best interests.

Anna Williams has demonstrated her commitment to her constituency in all three of those ways. Most significantly, and most recently, Anna has been a ferocious advocate for people who were not getting their unemployment claims.

Her office hounded Oregon Employment Department for updates on the status of House District 52 constituents' claims, and strongly pressured the agency to reach out to unemployed workers who had been waiting for weeks and sometimes months for relief.

Her staff fielded daily calls and emails from out-of-work HD 52 citizens who still hadn't received a single check after months of waiting. Williams regularly reminded Oregon Employment Department that their delays have left dozens, if not hundreds, of families in

our community in a desperate financial situation.

The daily, if not hourly pressure that she and other legislators put on the governor and the state made a big difference to our neighbors in serious need.

Williams listened, she understood, and she took action that impacted a governmental system that was so broken it wasn't doing what it was supposed to do.

Regardless of your party or affiliation, I strongly urge you to vote for Anna Williams. She will respond to your needs with action — not just words.

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