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## **Seattle Times Endorses Mike McGavick for U.S. Senate**

***“The better choice is the Republican, McGavick.”***

**Acknowledging Mike’s history of tackling big problems, pointing out that he has run a clean campaign, and concluding that Mike could be an “innovative” and “influential senator for Washington,” the Seattle Times has endorsed Mike McGavick to be Washington’s next U.S. Senator.**

**Six years ago, the Seattle Times endorsed the incumbent, Maria Cantwell. Below are excerpts of the editorial that appears in the Sunday edition of the Seattle Times:**

**“In Sen. Maria Cantwell and challenger Mike McGavick, Washington has two fully qualified choices for the Senate. The better choice is the Republican, McGavick.”**

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“Some see this election as a referendum on George. W. Bush. If we did, we would be for a solid Democrat ticket. But like most Washington voters, we take our candidates one at a time.”

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“In six years, Cantwell has grown somewhat in independence and influence, but not as much, we think, as Sen. Patty Murray did in her first six years, or as Gorton did in his. Cantwell has differed with her party by supporting free trade, as any Senator from Washington must, but not on enough other issues.”

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On the Iraq war, McGavick wants to find a way to win and Cantwell wants to find a way not to lose.

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When asked about control of public spending, Cantwell restates her support of the line item veto, a reform that would require a constitutional amendment and therefore isn't realistic either. Her actual voting record has not been for restraint.

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“On a specific cause, Cantwell can be very effective. She went after Enron, in defense of Snohomish County ratepayers, like a bloodhound. But for six years, liberals have been grumbling about her caution on the big things, and about that, they are right.”

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“McGavick, in contrast, showed at Safeco that he was able to take on big problems. We think he could make an innovative and influential senator for Washington.”

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