

# State of Washington

## Insurance Commissioner



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**Education:**

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**Professional Qualifications:**

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**Community Involvement:**

**Personal Views:** Health care costs and insurance premiums rose 2%-14% each year over the past 20 years under both Democrat and Republican Insurance Commissioners. \$100 of health insurance in 1984 costs \$430 today. Do you want more of the same or **a real change**? Patients: *Imagine* having access to the doctor of **your** choice. *Imagine* having a consumer's guide of healthcare providers to choose from. *Imagine* knowing the cost of the visit prior to seeing your doctor. *Imagine* having the money to pay cash. *Imagine* choosing what services are covered by your insurance and your deductible. *Imagine* paying 25% less when the excessive paperwork caused by excessive regulation is eliminated. *Imagine* a doctor who is free to provide services you really need and is not constrained by insurance or state rules. Doctors: *Imagine* filling out very few forms for insurance or patient billing. *Imagine* providing the services your patient really needs, not just the services set by the limits and dictates of health and liability insurance. Employers: *Imagine* not dreading the annual increases in insurance premiums. *Imagine* being able to afford insurance for your uninsured employees and families. *Imagine* getting the same tax breaks for yourself as for your employees. Your vote can **make it so!**

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