

Friends,

In case you missed it, The Columbian provided some great coverage of the all-candidate forum held at Clark College last Thursday evening. From job creation to education, the forum provided a wonderful opportunity to discuss the important issues facing our country.

But I wanted to make sure you saw my commitment to fiscal responsibility while we fight to get our economy moving again...

“There were a few surprises.

Democrat Denny Heck said “every member of Congress ought to take a 10 percent pay cut” until the economic crisis that is crippling middle-class families has passed.”

I said that because I meant it. I believe every member of Congress should take a ten percent pay cut until we balance the federal budget and get our fiscal house in order.

It is the right thing to do. In fact, the Presidents of three organizations with which I am involved have all taken a voluntary pay cut in the past year as part of dealing with these difficult economic times for their budgets. That is responsible leadership, and something Congress can learn from.

This is a time for shared sacrifice as we climb our way out of this recession and fight to get people back to work, and Congress should be leading the way.

Let's get to work!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denny".

Denny

P.S. If you haven't read the article about the forum, [take a look at it HERE](#).