

## **Cantwell Says Governor Locke is a Solid Pick for Secretary of Commerce**

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- As a member of the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, today, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) introduced, and heard

Washington

state Governor Gary Locke during his confirmation hearing to be Secretary of Commerce. President Barack Obama named

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Secretary of Commerce.

"Governor Locke has the global outlook, leadership, and knowledge it's going to take to lead the Department of Commerce through

said Cantwell.

**"As the Governor of  
Washington**

**, he knows how vital trade is to the strength of**

**U.S.**

**and global economies. He understands the role technology plays in driving innovation and improving the qua**

Governor Gary Locke was elected Washington's 21st governor on November 5, 1996, making him the first Chinese-American governor in U.S. history. On November 7, 2000, Locke was re-elected to a second term. As governor, Locke worked to make Washington a better place to live, work, and raise a family by promoting excellence in education, strengthening the economy, protecting families, enhancing the environment, and modeling responsible government. Prior to being elected governor, Locke served as chief executive of King County in 1993 and took on the issues and challenges facing Washington's largest city.

The Department of Commerce works to promote trade and to ensure compliance with trade laws and export controls to strengthen

Cantwell is Chair of the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard. She has made protecting our waterways from oil spills and recognizing the dangerous effects of climate change and ocean acidification a priority. She has also worked tirelessly to improve fisheries management and promote conservation, while supporting a robust national fishing industry.