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Mr. Tim Connor  
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Dear Mr. Connor:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding River Park Square and the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, James McDevitt. I am grateful to you for taking the time to bring your concerns to my attention.

While I appreciate your concerns, this case is primarily a judicial matter and outside of the limit of my authority. U.S. Senators are prohibited by law from intervening with the decision-making process of the courts. The separation of powers outlined in the U.S. Constitution was specifically designed to keep elected officials from imposing their will on the judiciary, and to the same extent, to preclude judges from interfering in the legislative process.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray  
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