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After spending twenty years working in Washington County for Intel, the importance of growing local jobs is something I feel deeply and personally. This community isn't just where I worked—it's where I built relationships, raised a family, and watched firsthand how meaningful, stable employment can transform lives.

Over two decades, I saw how jobs in this county didn't only support individuals—they supported entire families, schools, small businesses, and neighborhoods. When the local workforce grows, the whole community grows with it. For people like me who have invested years into this region, job creation means security for the next generation, opportunities for young talent to stay close to home, and the continued vibrancy of a place that has given us so much.

Washington County has long been a place of innovation and community strength, and expanding job opportunities is essential for keeping it that way. For me, it's not just an economic priority—it's a personal commitment to the future of a community that has shaped my career and my life.