

## Senator Patty Murray (D-Washington State) on Misclassifying Employees as Independent Contractors



“Right now too many employers across the country misclassify their employees as independent contractors in order to avoid paying their fair share of taxes and workers compensation. This costs the government and workers billions of dollars, it puts responsible employers who pay these taxes at a competitive disadvantage, and it’s: **stealing—plain and simple.**”

You know, if any worker misclassified how many hours they worked on a job, for example—I think their employers would get pretty upset. But when an employer “misclassifies” their workers—that’s somehow OK?

Well I don’t think it is—That’s why I co-sponsored Sen. Kerry’s **Taxpayer Responsibility, Accountability and Consistency Act of 2009** (Senate Bill 2882)and I’m going to keep fighting until this egregious practice is a thing of the past.”