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Dear Governor Inslee:

Thank you for your leadership on climate action in the wake of President Trump's disappointing withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord. As local government leaders across the state, we see first-hand the disruption and burdens climate change imposes on our communities. From the threat of wildfires to water shortages to flooding to air pollution impacts, we are deeply concerned about our future and want to see strong action at the state, federal, and international levels.

We stand in solidarity with you and remain committed to the important carbon pollution limits set by the Paris Accord. We also stand with you to take bold state action that helps keep our communities safe and better positioned for economic prosperity in the emerging clean energy economy. Please let us know how we can support you and other leaders across the country as we move forward on addressing climate change and its many harmful and costly impacts.

We support the following principles to guide local and state action to fill the void left by the federal Administration. These principles will ensure we effectively reduce carbon emissions while supporting disproportionately impacted communities and businesses.

We support reducing carbon pollution and promoting just and sustainable, broadly shared prosperity by:

- Supporting the development of homegrown clean energy businesses that create good jobs in rural and urban communities;
- Prioritizing the protection of communities disproportionately harmed by carbon pollution and supporting fossil fuel workers and their communities in the transition to clean energy
- Transitioning from coal power to clean energy sources;
- Providing consumers with affordable, cleaner, and more efficient fuel and energy choices; and
- Holding polluters responsible for the true price we all pay for carbon pollution in our economy.

We stand ready to implement climate actions that are rooted in these principles, and we are eager to join a team of leaders nationwide that are committed to keeping our state and our country on track to be a clean energy leader.

Thank you for your consistent leadership, both here in Washington and beyond, on climate change. We know that our state can and will demonstrate the path towards an equitable clean energy future that will benefit our communities for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

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