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The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor
John Wiesman, DrPH, Secretary of Health
Olympia, Washington

VIA EMAIL

Dear Governor Inslee and Secretary Wiesman:

Honorable Governor Inslee and Secretary Wiesman:

Please accept this letter of support for the proposal regarding social distancing measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that this approach is a thoughtful, medically-based proposal to implement a subset of Phase II changes. These specific actions were selected to better support public cooperation without producing a significant increase in the risk of COVID-19 transmission. It is our intent to create a locally-developed approach, in close coordination with the Governor's Office and the Department of Health in an effort to develop reasonable, pragmatic approaches to balance health and economy of our community in a timely manner. We believe we have met that goal in this proposal.

This request is urgent; we consider these issues to be extremely time sensitive and cannot wait for protracted deliberations at a state-wide level. While we recognize the intent of the Governor's Proclamations, we clearly believe that Chelan County can exhibit responsible and appropriate leadership in this application for variance. We respectfully ask that your work with us in providing latitude and local control of both health and economic decisions.

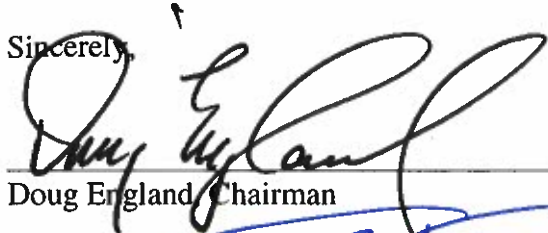
Let us be clear: our priority is to protect public health. We believe that we can find the correct balance in protecting both our health and our economy. We applaud your intent to outline criteria for a phased approach for recovery from this pandemic, and we believe this would be best accomplished by working with local governments to ensure the guidelines are practical—and practicable.

As an extension of State Government, our position as Commissioners require getting the job done on the ground and providing for the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. We recognize the broad guidance of the Governor's "Stay Home Stay Healthy" Proclamation, but it cannot address the unique situations that occur in each community. While it is the role of local government to carry out the Governor's Proclamation in communities safely and in

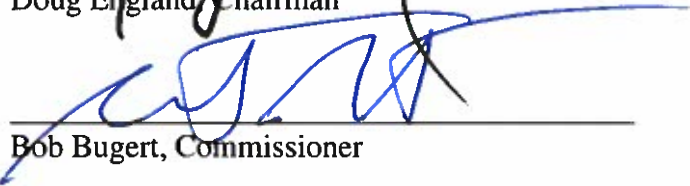
practical manner—that can only be done at the local level where specific issues and conditions can be considered.

We ask that you work with local governments, Governor Inslee. While we support the stay-at-home proclamation and the health benefits it has provided implementing the necessary on-the-ground decisions cannot be made at a practical level in Olympia. It is best done here at home.

Sincerely,

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Doug England, Chairman

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Bob Bugert, Commissioner

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Kevin Overbay, Commissioner