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I commend you for pursuing this effort. It is simply too important to our future to fail. I intend to work with my counterparts in other states and with stakeholders in the region. I have convened my team to evaluate the proposal in more detail and have charged them as I have explained to you: look at this issue in its entirety. Matt Steuerwalt, in my Executive Policy Office, will be coordinating that effort on my behalf, and may be reached at (360) 902-0499 or [matt.steuerswalt@gov.wa.gov](mailto:matt.steuerswalt@gov.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Governor

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