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Dear Co-Chairmen Reiten, , and Karier:

I write in support of your efforts, as co-chairs of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Task Force (Task Force), to enhance opportunities for using electric power more efficiently. Washington State has a long history of promoting wise energy use through our building codes, appliance standards, and the successful work of our State Energy Office. Utilities and consumers in our state have consistently made the necessary investments to improve energy efficiency that saves money, reduces pollution, creates jobs, and expands our economy. With the current price of all forms of energy exceptionally high, this is an ideal time to develop and pursue all cost-effective conservation strategies. As Washington State and the region take steps to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, these energy conservation strategies will take on even greater significance.

I believe future Task Force efforts should build on the long history of cooperation within our four states, as demonstrated by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. This region has a shared interest in maintaining a low cost, economical, and reliable power supply. Regionally coordinated actions to preserve and enhance the value of our collective power supply have benefited us all. Energy efficiency is the lowest cost and lowest risk resource and we need to continue our efforts to ensure that it remains a regional priority.

I look forward to the Task Force providing us with more effective strategies for energy efficiency. Matt Steuerwalt, of my office, is participating in this endeavor and will work with you on my behalf to optimize these efforts.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

