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The Honorable Governor-Elect Jay Inslee
Transition Office
General Administration building
210 11th Ave SW
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Dear Governor-Elect Inslee,

I'm writing on behalf of the Washington State Council on Aging (State Council).

As you are aware, the State Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services and Aging and Disability Services Administration. It has an advisory focus on issues and policy effecting older adults at the local, state and federal level.

The State Council is comprised of members representing all areas of the state and the Yakama and Colville Confederated Tribes Sovereign Nations. This statewide representation provides us with a balanced approach to assess and advocate for the needs of a diverse aging population- particularly the most vulnerable who reside in their own homes independently or with long term service and support systems.

At our recent September meeting, we had the opportunity to have James Paribello attend and represent your campaign. James shared that you were very interested in convening an Aging Summit within the first six months of taking office. I and members of the State Council on Aging would like to assist you with this important summit.

The State Council will be communicating in greater detail with you and your staff in near future to discuss both how we may best serve you and to provide a briefing on current issues. For the moment though, as you begin your first term, I want to convey that we would appreciate you strongly consider having a policy advisor with aging issues expertise on your policy team. Perhaps this advisor could also serve as liaison to the Council and meet with us on a routine basis.

I welcome you as our new Governor and welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff regarding the needs of older adults in our State. We are looking forward to developing a constructive and productive relationship with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Marie E. Raschko-Sokol, Chair
State Council on Aging

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