



Legislative Building

## Washington State Legislature

Olympia, WA 98504-0600

May 15, 2020

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor  
State of Washington  
Legislative Building  
Olympia WA 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

After reconsideration, we have agreed to extend Proclamation 20-45 to June 15, 2020 with the understanding that the proclamation will be re-issued to authorize only suspension of the statutory requirement of personal service, with the addition of the following underlined language.

ADDITIONALLY, while the purposes of this order are to ensure access to justice for victims; to promote public safety and public health; and to relieve the severe strain on our judicial system and law enforcement officers during the COVID-19 crisis, nothing in this order or the amendment, reinstatement, and extension of this order prohibits the use of personal service, including in instances in which it is no longer required under statute. In matters where personal service is not employed, service must still be made, and should be made using electronic/telephonic means of service with acknowledgement of receipt, such as by email, text message, facsimile or through social media applications. Furthermore, personal service is encouraged whenever possible, but in particular in all cases in which public safety demands personal service."

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Andy Billig in black ink.

ANDY BILLIG  
Senate Majority Leader

Handwritten signature of Mark Schoesler in black ink.

MARK SCHOESLER  
Senate Minority Leader

Handwritten signature of Laurie Jinkins in black ink.

LAURIE JINKINS  
Speaker of the House

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J.T. WILCOX  
House Minority Leader

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