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Governor Jay Inslee

Office of the Governor

PO Box 40002

Olympia, WA 98504-000

Re: ESB 6617

Dear Governor Inslee:

I write on behalf of the plaintiffs in the dispute between a coalition of news organizations, Allied Daily Newspapers of Washington and the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association and the Washington Legislature.

We seek a veto of ESB 6617, so that we may work collaboratively with legislators and other stakeholders to resolve our differences transparently. It is our belief the public has the right to weigh in on any potential changes to public records law before it is enacted.

If you were to veto ESB 6617, and if the Legislature did not override the veto, we would propose measures that might help us resolve the present impasse, namely:

-- We would agree to jointly approach with the defendants the judge in Thurston County who initially ruled in our dispute, and ask him to grant a stay of proceedings in the trial court during the appeal, and agree we will not seek to enforce the Order during the appeal.

-- We would agree not to launch an initiative or referendum to change present law while the stay exists and/or while we work with legislators to resolve our differences.

-- We appreciate those legislators who heard our concerns and are willing to work with us now.

For our part, we pledge to work on a task force with legislators and others to try to resolve our differences, much as was done when the judiciary sought separate public disclosure legislation some years ago. Our differences are considerable and we may not agree on every issue, but we

will approach the effort seeking to understand legislators who disagree with us and promise to work in good faith toward resolutions that we believe address our issues and those of the citizens of the state.

We also appreciate your efforts through discussions with both sides to find a productive and transparent resolution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Earl Hubbard".

Michele Earl Hubbard

cc: Plaintiffs