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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 6, 2016

The Honorable Troy Kelley  
Washington State Auditor  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0021

RE: Operation of the Washington State Auditor's Office

Dear Auditor Kelley:

I was recently informed that you have asked for the resignation of multiple senior employees of the Auditor's Office. I am deeply concerned about the removal of these hard working employees who have worked diligently to maintain the high standard of the office during the turmoil created by your extended absences. Forcing these employees out of their jobs will make it increasingly difficult for the office to focus on its important work, and I therefore encourage you to rethink this action.

Article 3, Section 5 of the Washington State Constitution gives me the authority to require officers of the state to respond in writing to any inquiries I may have relating to the duties of their respective offices. The same provision grants the Governor the power to see that the laws are faithfully executed.

Therefore, I am directing you to answer the following inquiries in writing:

1. What specific personnel actions or changes have you made in the operation of the Auditor's Office since you returned to the office following your federal trial? Please detail to me whether you have asked for any resignations or otherwise directed anyone to cease their current duties.
2. Please explain the specific basis for these personnel actions.

I look forward to your response by May 11, 2016.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee  
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