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May 14, 2014

Tanya N. Garfield, Director
U.S. Small Business Administration
Field Operations Center - West
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Dear Director Garfield:

Under the provisions of 13 CFR, Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration declare a physical and economic disaster declaration for King County. My request is based on the physical damage from the catastrophic gas explosion in the City of North Bend that resulted in the economic injury and revenue losses of 29 businesses and homes on April 25, 2014.

King County and the City of North Bend specifically have lost a major portion of the downtown business district and the businesses that were housed within have suffered significant loss as a result of this explosion. The impacted area was completely leveled and surrounding homes and businesses suffered major damages.

I certify that at least 25 homes and small businesses suffered substantial economic injury and property loss resulting from this event and are in need of financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms.

I have designated Mark Tobert of the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the U.S. Small Business Administration and may provide additional information, justification or requests on my behalf.

If you have any questions about this request, please call Robert Ezelle, Director of the Emergency Management Division, at (253) 512-7001. Thank you for your careful and expeditious consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

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Enclosures

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cc: U.S. Congressional Delegation
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