



Washington State Legislature

February 28, 2020

Senator Hobbs and Representative Fey:

We the undersigned write to thank you for your work in addressing our state's transportation revenue shortfall. Even before the impacts of Initiative 976, we faced billions of dollars of needs to address fish passage barriers, fund preservation and maintenance of our roads, construct new ferries, grow multimodal transportation options, and build projects of statewide significance such as the Columbia River Crossing and the US 2 trestle. Initiative 976 only made these challenges harder.

We are committed to working with you to achieve a state transportation revenue package in 2021 to address these needs. We welcome the consideration of multiple options, including an increase in the motor vehicle fuel tax, a road usage charge, a carbon tax on transportation fuels, systemwide tolling, and an economywide cap-and-invest program.

We also are committed to making significant progress on reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions across our economy, but particularly in the transportation fuel sector, which is by far the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington and the only major sector in which this Legislature has not enacted meaningful policies.

We see passage of a clean fuel standard (E2SHB 1110) or authority to reduce emissions from fossil fuels (SB 6628) as a precondition to the passage of a transportation revenue package. As urgent as our transportation infrastructure needs are, the climate crisis is also urgent. We owe it to current and future generations of Washingtonians to begin on a trajectory to decarbonize the transportation sector before it is too late.

We understand that passage of both a transportation revenue package and a bold step forward to reduce transportation emissions in the same legislative session may be difficult. However, we hope you will consider E2SHB 1110 and/or SB 6628, both of which would make the policy enforcement contingent upon the passage of a transportation revenue package that raises no less than \$2 billion per biennium for transportation needs.

Thank you for your dedication to our state's prosperity and our future.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Derek Stanford in black ink.

Derek Stanford
State Senator, 1st Legislative District

Handwritten signature of Sam Hunt in black ink.

Sam Hunt
State Senator, 22nd Legislative District



Claire Wilson
State Senator, 30th Legislative District



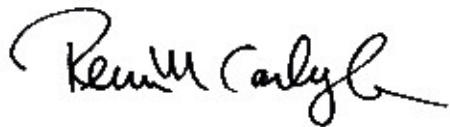
Jesse Solomon
State Senator, 32nd Legislative District



Karen Keiser
State Senator, 33rd Legislative District



Joe Nguyen
State Senator, 34th Legislative District



Reuven Carlyle
State Senator, 36th Legislative District



John McCoy
State Senator, 38th Legislative District



Liz Lovelett
State Senator, 40th Legislative District



Lisa Wellman
State Senator, 41st Legislative District



David Frockt
State Senator, 46th Legislative District



Mona Das
State Senator, 47th Legislative District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patty Kuderer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patty Kuderer
State Senator, 48th Legislative District

CC: Speaker Jenkins, Rep. Fitzgibbon, Sen. Billig, Sen. Liias, Sen. Saldaña, Sen. Dhingra