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The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington
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Olympia WA 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 23, 2020 requesting extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions ordered in Proclamations 20-35, 20-36, 20-37, 20-38, 20-39, 20-41, and 20-42, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency.

We agree that strict compliance with the specific statutory obligations and limitations cited in Proclamations 20-36, 20-37, and 20-38 would prevent, hinder, or delay action that is necessary in coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(4), we hereby extend the statutory waivers and suspensions cited in these proclamations until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 9, 2020, whichever occurs first.

Senator Billig and Speaker Jinkins support extending the statutory waivers and suspensions cited in Proclamation 20-35 but Senator Schoesler and Representative Wilcox do not. Accordingly, as RCW 43.06.220(4) requires the agreement of all four caucus leaders, this request for extension is denied.

Senator Schoesler and Representative Wilcox are still evaluating the request for extension of Proclamations 20-39, 20-41 and 20-42. We hope to send you a response tomorrow.

Sincerely,

ANDY BILLIG
Senate Majority Leader

MARK SCHOESLER
Senate Minority Leader

LAURIE JINKINS
Speaker of the House

J.T. WILCOX
House Minority Leader