



April 9, 2010

Dear Legislator:

As the Presidents of five SEIU local unions - representing a total of over 100,000 working people in Washington state - we urge you to support the compromise revenue proposal introduced by Governor Gregoire. We strongly believe that this revenue proposal is a reasonable compromise that will help protect core services.

This proposal would provide needed revenue to create jobs and preserve funding for education, child care, home care, nursing homes, public safety, and other safety net services. Passing this revenue proposal will also put us in a better fiscal position as we enter the 2011-13 biennium. While this is not a perfect proposal, the alternative – 20% across the board reductions in services – is unacceptable.

We know that you have taken a number of difficult votes on revenue this year, and appreciate your efforts to help find a compromise that can be approved by the House, Senate, and Governor.

As you move forward in your deliberations, please know that SEIU is committed to working with you to pass a budget that raises needed revenue and protects working families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Rolf".

David Rolf, President  
SEIU Healthcare 775NW

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Sosne".

Diane Sosne, RN, MN, President  
SEIU Healthcare 1199NW

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Cook".

Kim Cook, President  
SEIU Local 925

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judi Owen".

Judi Owen, President  
PSE/SEIU 1948

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sergio Salinas".

Sergio Salinas, President  
SEIU Local 6