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Governor Jay Inslee
Governor's Office,
416 14th Ave SW,
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Dear Governor Inslee,


Washington state has experienced an unprecedented economic boom in the last few years, resulting in a tremendous increase in tax revenue thanks in part to the Trump tax cuts and deregulation. The Bureau of Economic Analysis just released a report indicating that our state leads the nation in personal income growth at about 7 percent, far higher than the national average.

As you are aware, Washington's energy profile is already one of the greenest in the nation, with more than 75 percent coming from renewable sources. The 'clean energy' legislation, Senate Bill 5116, which was approved by the Legislature, implements a regressive and onerous tax and regulation regime that will undo all of those economic gains, and runs the risk of grinding our economy to a halt and possible recession.

Imposing more taxes and more regulations to affect 0.2 percent of the world's carbon emissions, paid for by working families in our state, is a move in the wrong direction.

For this reason, I urge you to veto this legislation.

Sincerely,


Senator Phil Fortunato
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