

February 11, 2002

From: Bryan Wahl, W.A.R. Director of Governmental Relations

To: W.A.R. (leadership)

Re: Starting grassroots momentum for House Bill 2697

In an effort to move our 2002 legislative priorities forward, we are taking several steps to create momentum at the local level for support of initiatives that would make planning for a strong economy an essential part of Washington's growth management policy — specifically House Bill 2697.

Toward that end, I am sending you ten letters-to-the-editor for distribution in your community. We are hopeful that these letters will help call your local legislator's attention to the need to move on House Bill 2697.

Please read the guidelines we've provided for distribution these letters to the editor as soon as possible. As you know, this is a "short" legislative session; the deadline for action on bills is rapidly approaching. Your immediate attention to the distribution of these letters will be greatly appreciated.

1. Deliver each of the letters to a different person in your community. The greater the stature and credibility of the letter "signee" the better. But any community resident will do.

2. The signee should be willing to sign the letter and deliver it – e-mail, fax, or in person – to his/her local newspaper. It's okay for the signee to edit the letter in order to create a tone he/she is comfortable with. But the substance of the letter should not be changed. Letters must include the citizen's full name (no initials), home address and daytime and evening telephone numbers for verification.

3. Provide the signee with contact information they need to deliver the letter.

Attached to this page is a list of many of the state's daily newspapers and contact information for each. Please contact us if you are unable to find contact information for your local paper.

4. Follow-up with the person you've asked to sign the letter. They may have forgotten about the letter, forgotten how to proceed, or simply lost nerve.

5. If you have more people than letters, let us know — we'll make more letters!

(Aberdeen) Daily World

- E-mail: letters@thedailyworld.com
- Fax: 360.533.1328
- Mail:
The Daily World
Attn. City Editor
P.O. Box 269
Aberdeen, WA 98520

The (Vancouver) Columbian

- E-mail: editors@columbian.com
- Fax: 360.896.5716
- Mail:
Letters to the Editor
The Columbian
P.O. Box 180
Vancouver, WA 98666-0180

Bellingham Herald

- E-mail: cnielsen@bhamherald.com
- Fax: 360.756-2826
- Mail:
The Bellingham Herald
Attn: Letters editor
1155 N. State St.
Bellingham, WA 98227

Bremerton Sun

- E-mail: fill in the form located at the following URL:
<http://www.thesunlink.com/letters/index.html>
- Fax: 360.470.7681
- Mail:
The Sun
PO Box 259
Bremerton, WA 98337

Everett Herald

- E-mail to: letters@heraldnet.com
- Fax: 425.339.3458.
- Mail:
Letters Section
The Herald
Box 930
Everett, WA 98206.

(Longview) Daily News

- E-mail: news@tdn.com
- Fax: 360.577.2536
- Mail:
Letters to the Editor
770 11th Ave.
Longview, WA 98632

(Tacoma) News Tribune

- E-mail: letters@mail.tribnet.com
- Fax: 253.597.8451
- Mail:
The Editor
The News Tribune
PO Box 11000
Tacoma, WA. 98411

Seattle Times

- E-mail: opinion@seattletimes.com
- Fax: 206.382-6760
- Mail:
Letters Editor
The Seattle Times
PO Box 70
Seattle, WA 98111

Seattle P.I.

- E-mail: editpage@seattlepi.com
- Fax: (206) 448-8184
- Mail:
P-I Letters to the Editor
Box 1909
Seattle, WA 98111-1909

(Spokane) Spokesman Review

- E-mail: editor@spokane.net (letters sent via electronic mail should be in text format rather than sent as an attachment)
- Fax: (509) 459-3929
- Mail:
Letters to the Editor
New Media Ventures, Inc.
999 West Riverside Avenue
Spokane, WA 99201-1010

Tri-Cities Herald

- E-mail: fill in the form located at the following URL: <http://www.tricityherald.com/OPINION/letter.html>
- Fax: 509.582.1510
- Mail:
Letters to the editor
Tri-City Herald
P.O. Box 2608
Pasco, WA, 99302-2608

Yakima Herald

- E-mail: opinion@yakima-herald.com
- Fax: 509.577.7767
- Mail:
To the editor
P.O. Box 9668
Yakima, WA 98909

(Walla Walla) Union Bulletin

- E-mail: letters@ubnet.com
- Fax: 509.525.1232
- Mail:
Letters to the editor
The Union Bulletin
P.O. Box 1358
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Wenatchee World

- E-mail: fill in the form located at the following URL:
<http://www.wenworld.com/contactus/safetyvalve.html>
- Fax: 509.662.5413
- Mail:
The Safety Valve
Box 1511
Wenatchee, WA, 98807