6 July, 2021

The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senator
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senator
The Honorable Suzan DelBene, U.S. Representative, 1st District
The Honorable Rick Larsen, U.S. Representative, 2nd District
The Honorable Jami Herrera Beutler, U.S. Representative, 3rd District
The Honorable Dan Newhouse, U.S. Representative, 4th District
The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, U.S. Representative, 5th District
The Honorable Derek Kilmer, U.S. Representative, 6th District
The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, U.S. Representative, 7th District
The Honorable Kim Schrier, U.S. Representative, 8th District
The Honorable Adam Smith, U.S. Representative, 9th District
The Honorable Marilyn Strickland, U.S. Representative, 10th District

Dear Members of Washington’s federal delegation:

Washington State has taken the climate crisis seriously with the passage of new laws and regulations and committing billions in new investments that we know we need to transition our economy away from fossil fuels. These infrastructure investments—in things like mass transit, vehicle and ferry electrification, clean buildings, and more—are a bedrock to our state’s competitive edge.

Washington State is also experiencing extreme and historic heat waves and drought conditions. We are at severe risk of a wildfire season even worse than last year, and many of the federal hydropower dams that are an essential component of our region’s infrastructure are likely to produce significantly less of the clean power that our economy relies.

Climate policy is economic policy and the historic commitments Washington State has made will help protect the health and wealth of our state for generations. But while Washington State is doing its part, Washington, D.C. is currently failing to deliver. We are tracking the progress of the federal infrastructure package closely and with increasing alarm as it appears that climate-related investments may not be a part of a final agreement. We write to express our view that such a decision would be unacceptable and gravelly hinder our ability to meet our Paris Climate Accord obligations.

A failure to address climate change in this federal infrastructure investment bill would be an environmental and economic disaster. We ask you to join us in this position and clearly express the urgency of climate investments—no climate, no deal.

All of us are immensely appreciative of your leadership and hard work on behalf of all Washingtonians and all Americans. This moment demands that Congress rises to the occasion just as our Legislature has because our climate and our future prosperity cannot wait.

Sincerely,
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