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The Honorable Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
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Dear Governor Inslee,

We are writing to ask you veto Engrossed Senate Bill 6617 and prevent the loss of public disclosure, openness and transparency in state government.

The Washington state Legislature passed Engrossed Senate Bill 6617 on Friday, February 23, 2018, without a single public hearing. The bill would retroactively exempt legislators from the Washington state voter-approved Public Records Act and have the effect of shielding legislative documents from public disclosure.

Preventing public disclosure of legislative documents will limit the transparency and openness of state government. This is not an acceptable way for our state government to operate. We must trust that our legislators will operate openly and in full compliance with disclosure laws.

We ask for your veto of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Reagan Dunn
King County Councilmember

Joe McDermott
King County Councilmember