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Governor Jay Inslee
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Dear Governor Inslee,

Please accept this letter of support for the **Poverty Reduction Work Group's *10-year Plan for the Future to reduce poverty and inequality in Washington state***. For the past two years, PRWG has worked diligently to develop a plan that, if implemented, will meaningfully and measurably reduce poverty and inequality in Washington state. We are grateful to you for your support of poverty reduction, and look forward to bringing the plan to action.

Reducing poverty and inequality is critically important to the mission of Solid Ground. Solid Ground believes poverty is solvable. Our approach combines direct services with community-based advocacy. We support individuals and work to undo racism and other oppressions that create barriers – so everyone can achieve their full potential. The approach to reducing poverty laid out in this plan closely aligns with our mission and approach; the plan calls for improvements to basic services for people in poverty, while never losing sight of the need for structural change.

We understand that the PRWG co-lead agencies will be conducting a series of community engagement meetings and finalizing the *10-year Plan for the Future* this summer. We look forward to supporting their efforts. In the meantime, we urge your continued support of the strategic plan and taking immediate steps to begin implementing it by:

- Directing state agencies to write action plans to fulfill the strategies outlined in the plan;
- Elevating the influence and expertise of people most affected by poverty in the implementation of the plan;
- Highlighting the importance of addressing poverty and racism in your speeches and public engagements;
- Funding the PRWG's short-term priorities in the next budget cycle.

We believe these actions will lay a strong foundation for the full implementation of the plan over the next 10 years, and provide immediate, urgent relief for the 1.8 million Washingtonians currently struggling to make ends meet in communities throughout our state.

On behalf of the over 75,000 households that receive support from Solid Ground, thank you for creating the Poverty Reduction Work Group and for your passion for making Washington state a place where every child, adult, and family can thrive. If we can do anything further to support this effort, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Caitlen Daniels
Interim President & CEO