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Governor Jay Inslee
PO Box 40002
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February 18, 2020

Dear Governor Inslee,

As participants in the Poverty Reduction Work Group (PRWG) over the last two years, we write in celebration and strong support of its 10-Year Plan for the Future! Community Action commends you for your leadership in creating the Work Group and we stand ready to work toward its implementation.

The PRWG Plan articulates a dual strategy for reducing poverty and inequality in Washington State. One component is meeting the immediate needs of our struggling neighbors and the other is taking intentional steps toward equitable redesign of our human services system. This is very much in line with Community Action's Theory of Change of stabilizing and equipping families and individuals to exit poverty for good, while investing in just, equitable, and sustainable communities where all residents thrive and share a commitment to ending poverty.

WSCAP also honors the leadership of the PRWG Steering Committee, whose lived experiences with poverty and its root causes drive the recommendations of the report and its eight strategic themes. We encourage you to continue building on this innovative structure, so the people living these issues every day continue to drive the solutions and keep an equity lens on the policies and programs affecting them.

Acting on these recommendations will require continued cross-sector conversation and collaboration that Community Action is well-equipped to help facilitate. We know that the vision we share for our communities will not be realized overnight or at the hands of a single organization. We are looking forward to engaging our clients and community members in the conversation so that together, we can make real progress in helping more Washingtonians share in our state's unprecedented prosperity.

Thank you again for your leadership and for the opportunity to participate in the creation of this groundbreaking Plan.

Sincerely,

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