

To: Addresses removed – sent via email on April 9, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 and Driver's License Suspensions

Dear Governor Inslee and Director Berntsen,

The undersigned organizations urge that the Department of Licensing to immediately stop suspending, and refusing to renew, driver's licenses for reasons other than unsafe driving, and to reinstate licenses currently suspended for reasons other than unsafe driving, for at least the duration of the public health and economic crisis wrought by COVID-19.

Attached is a letter from the national Free to Drive coalition sent to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, which outlines why these steps are necessary during this public health crisis.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Asian Pacific Islander Coalition WA
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Law Enforcement Action Partnership
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Post Prison Education Program
Public Defender Association
Quaker Voice on Washington Public Policy
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