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Governor Jay Inslee
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Honorable Governor Inslee,

The Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) gives a voice to 8,000 members, including represent builders, remodelers, skilled trades professionals and their associates who help Washington families enjoy the American dream of owning a home. I am writing to request your intervention to resolve the concrete driver strike in King County.

Construction workers are being laid off and public and private construction are at a standstill with no resolution in the foreseeable future. I speak for all facets of the construction industry when I respectfully request you urge the parties involved to come to an agreement.

From government-funded projects to new subdivisions to transportation projects to landscaping, this strike has created one more significant knot in the supply chain. The strike is limiting the industry's ability to deliver housing to real people who need it and public infrastructure to ensure people get from Point A to Point B safely. One landscaping company is delaying projects up to four weeks and other home builders aren't able to pour foundations or driveways, severely limiting their ability to build and close on homes with families anxiously awaiting to move.

These delays also increase the cost of each project. The longer the strike continues, the more expensive these projects will become. State agencies that own, develop, and procure public projects have a direct responsibility to taxpayers to ensure projects finish on time and on budget. Not doing so would be a reckless waste of taxpayer funds.

The strike has gone on long enough. Please step in and use your influence as the governor of the great state of Washington to help persuade all parties involved to resolve the disagreement so that construction can resume as normally as possible as we navigate the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Joseph Irons
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Owner, Irons Brothers Construction, Inc.