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The Honorable Christine Gregoire  
Governor  
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Dear Governor Gregoire:

I am writing on behalf of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board).

The Workforce Board met yesterday to consider draft recommendations stemming from the review of the workforce development system. The review is being conducted at your request by Commissioner Karen Lee and Charlie Earl with the participation of Eleni Papadakis.

The draft recommendations, issued on November 24, 2009, include significant proposals for changes in the state workforce system. In turn, these recommendations have engendered some serious concerns among stakeholders in the system, including members of the Workforce Board. These concerns include that the content of the recommendations and their timing might hinder the efforts of Senator Patty Murray who is leading the efforts in the U.S. Senate to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Given the weightiness of the issues and concerns, the Workforce Board respectfully requests that you extend the due date for the recommendations from December 15, 2009, until March 31, 2010.

Sincerely,

Marty Brown  
Acting Chair