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Greetings:

As the new chair of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, I have enjoyed learning more about how well our workforce system helps the unemployed, improves the standard of living of our residents and connects employers with the talent they need to flourish. Washington has a lot to be thankful for.

Still with over 300,000 Washingtonians unemployed and looking for work, we are in a situation where even the smallest effort can make a big difference in people's lives.

Last week, you should have received an invitation to participate in an ideas-gathering process developed by the members of the Workforce Board. We are seeking ways Washington's workforce system can make a difference in the near term. No idea is insignificant, no thought unworthy--if it has a chance of producing positive results in the next six to 18 months.

I invite you to participate in this process. We have two meetings planned (Spokane and Seattle area) where we will have well-facilitated brainstorming sessions and discussions. We also have online comment form if you are unable to attend or simply wish to get your idea into the mix early.

To learn more about the meeting and this process, visit:
<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/retoolingwashington.asp>

Best wishes,

Cindy Zehnder
Chair, Workforce Board