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We are writing on behalf of Sound Transit, King County, City of Seattle and WSDOT, as public agencies providing thousands of construction jobs in our region and across the state. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, we recognize the importance of these negotiations to our region and parties involved (Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association (“the Association”) and Teamsters Local 174). We encourage the Association through its chief negotiator Charlie Oliver (Gary Merlino Construction) to initiate mediation as part of good faith bargaining. As we work to recover from a global pandemic, it is imperative that these lengthy negotiations conclude and produce a fair agreement.

We strongly respect the right to bargain, and we encourage the parties to return to the negotiating table as soon as possible. This is a good opportunity to involve a mediator into the process and we encourage the parties to do so. We are confident that the parties, with unbiased aid, can come together in good faith for a mutually acceptable agreement.

Our region depends upon skilled labor delivering essential concrete in a safe, prompt, and efficient manner. A prolonged work stoppage could delay critical regional infrastructure activities under construction currently, including roads, bridges, girders, light rail guideways, and much more. This dispute impacts people’s livelihoods both in the concrete industry and a wide variety of related and interdependent trades as well as the residents who rely on our public infrastructure.

We understand that the Teamsters 174 workers are exercising all their rights to achieve a fair contract. While contract negotiations can be challenging, we fully support good faith bargaining from both parties to reach a fair agreement.

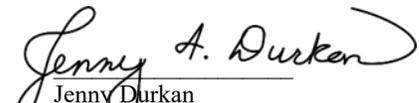
It is in all our shared interests to get back to work building essential infrastructure for the people of our region.

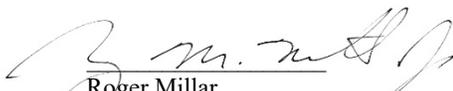
We urge you to recommit to negotiations to work out a fair deal.

Sincerely,

  
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