September 16, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee
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Dear Governor Inslee,

Enclosed you will find Washington State University's operating and capital budget requests for the 2017-19 biennium. These requests - particularly those to support the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and capital requests to promote food safety and food security - clearly align with and support the Results Washington goals promoting World Class Education, a Prosperous Economy and Healthy and Safe Communities.

They also represent a commitment from the state’s land grant research university to prepare for a healthier future for the state's growing population, as well as, expanding educational opportunity to those who have gone without.

Together, Washington’s public colleges and universities are striving to produce more of the high demand degrees our economy needs while providing more opportunity to a student body with needs that are more diverse than ever. These requests represent WSU's contribution to a coordinated effort, leveraging university strengths in the health sciences, engineering and agriculture in particular.

The supporting documentation for these requests are enclosed. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration and we stand ready to answer questions and to provide additional information as requested.

Sincerely,

Kirk Schulz, President

Enclosures

cc: Dan Bernardo, Provost and Executive Vice President
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    Joan King, Associate Vice President and Chief Budget Officer
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