

March 25, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee  
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*Submitted electronically*

Dear Governor Inslee,

I'm writing today to ask for your leadership in providing immediate economic relief to Washington's working families and small businesses by placing a three-month moratorium on the deduction of union dues from public employees' wages.

Presently, tens of thousands of Washingtonians are being forced to stay home from work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes many devoted public servants, most of whom will continue to be able to earn a paycheck, minus the portion the government continues to withhold for labor unions.

The private sector, however, is not so lucky. Small businesses across our state are being forced to close their doors, unsure when — or if — they will be able to open them again. This means temporary furloughs, long-term or permanent layoffs and an overwhelming number of new unemployment filings.

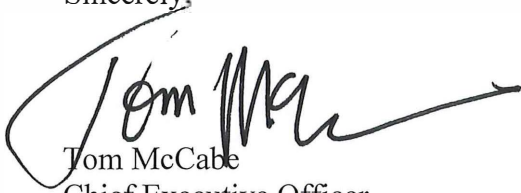
Gov. Inslee, you have an opportunity to take immediate action that would provide much needed relief to hurting Washingtonians.

Public employees in Washington pay as much as \$1,000 per year in union dues. A three-month moratorium on government union dues deductions for Washington's nearly 300,000 public employee union members could leave as much as \$60 million extra in workers' pockets, money that can help employees cope with the current crisis or be spent in ways that help our flagging private industry.

The best part is that this stimulus won't cost Washington taxpayers a dime.

At this critical time, I ask you to be the leader on this issue you are on many others. Please do the right thing for Washington's public employees and struggling businesses by ordering an immediate moratorium on government union dues deductions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom McCabe", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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