



April 21, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

**RE: Veto of Sec. 935 of 2ESHB 2376 affecting the Public Works Assistance Account**

Dear Governor Inslee:

On behalf of the Washington PUD Association's 28 member utilities and the communities we serve across the state, thank you for your veto of Section 935 in 2ESHB 2376, the supplemental Operating Budget.

With your veto of Section 935 and your support for preserving the Public Works Assistance Account, as you expressed in your veto message, we look forward to working with you and your staff and agency officials to make sure Washington's communities and citizens will have a strong and secure program for affordable financing of local public-works projects in the coming years.

Your veto sends a strong message to those of us who support the Public Works Trust Fund, and to those who would dismantle it and use its revenue and loan repayments for other purposes, that you stand with us in defending the program and recognizing Washington's "clear need for future public infrastructure improvement throughout the state," as you stated in your veto message.

We deeply appreciate your veto action and your commitment to local infrastructure investment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Caan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George Caan  
Executive Director

cc: Public Works Board