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Reference: Support for Washington Cities
A. Public Works Assistance Account (Veto of Section 935)
B. Fire Insurance Premium Tax distributions (Section 920)

Honorable Governor Inslee:

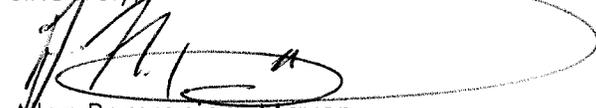
On behalf of the Walla Walla City Council and the citizens we serve, our council in open session voted to write this letter to thank you for your vetoes of both Section 935 and Section 920 in the Supplemental Operating Budget.

Briefly, our council supports the 44 cities who need to continue receiving a distribution of the State's Fire Insurance Premium Tax for pre-LEOFF and LEOFF 1 retiree pensions to augment the restrictive levy needed to maintain the actuarial soundness of the retirement fund.

In addition, your veto was very important to end additional legislative sweeps of the Public Works Assistance Account which is vital in supporting needed infrastructure improvements throughout Washington State. Our council asks you and the legislature to recommit to working with local jurisdictions and special interest districts to fund local government infrastructure which benefits the health and welfare of Washington state citizens.

Again, Governor Inslee, thank you very much for supporting local jurisdictions to provide necessary services to our local citizens.

Sincerely,



Allen Pomraning, Mayor
City of Walla Walla

Mission: We provide municipal services and programs essential to a desirable community in which to live, work and play.

Values: Customer Focus/Service; Excellence; Stewardship; Communication; Leadership; Integrity