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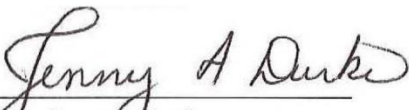
Dear Members of the Seattle Delegation:

We write to reiterate our support for pursuing the abolition of the death penalty. We do so for the reasons stated in our previous letters dated January 26, 2015 and January 23, 2017, attached for your reference with accompanying research. The evidence shows that the death penalty is an ineffective deterrent to crime, diverts public safety resources, delays justice for victims' families, and confounds efforts to achieve racial and social equity.

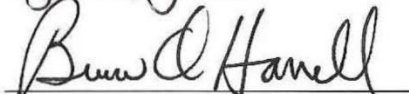
Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have either abolished the death penalty or had it judicially invalidated. As you know, Washington's governor has imposed a moratorium on use of the death penalty. We join three states Colorado, Oregon, and Pennsylvania, with gubernatorial moratoria.

We believe legislative action is the next appropriate step and urge your support for Washington Senate Bill 6052 and House Bill 1935. The legislation was proposed by Attorney General Ferguson and is sponsored in the Senate by Senator Walsh and in the House by Representative Orwall.

We call upon you to end this costly and immoral form of retributive justice and to eliminate the death penalty in our state.



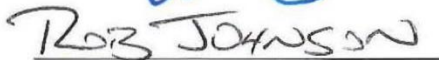
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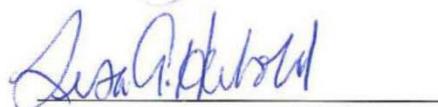
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