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Mr. Dan Grimm, Chair
Task Force on Basic Education Finance
c/o Washington State Institute of Public Policy
110 5th Avenue, Suite 214
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Dear Chair *Dan*:

The members of the Task Force on Basic Education Finance are to be commended for their efforts to improve school funding. Our state's current financial situation will make it virtually impossible to implement their proposed recommendations within projected revenues.

Task Force members are not responsible for solving the state's financial crisis – a crisis that will require significant reductions in state programs and services – but Task Force members must provide recommendations on how the state can fund their funding level recommendations. Before the Task Force completes its work, please ask them to identify long-term funding sources to pay for the improved funding of the K-12 system that is being proposed.

I know the work of the Task Force has not been easy, but our future economy and quality of life requires reforming our education system. Thank you for your willingness to serve, for all your hard work, expertise, and leadership.

Sincerely,

Chris

Christine O. Gregoire
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