

PIERCE COUNTY

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August 6, 2021

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RE: Law & Justice Reform – Legislative Clarity

Pierce County Legislators,

Thank you for another productive legislative session on behalf of the people of Pierce County and the state of Washington. We're grateful for your leadership.

The Pierce County Council appreciates your progress on law enforcement and justice reforms. Many of them complement our efforts at the local level. This work is essential and overdue.

We write to seek your assistance in clarifying bill language that may be either ambiguous or conflicting with other language. We would very much like to operate with certainty, and assure that interpretation and application by Pierce County is not in conflict with legislative intent, nor the ability to operate effectively. Additionally, uniformity in application among local jurisdictions, including as our mutual aid partners, is imperative to assure that the same law is not interpreted differently by different jurisdictions. This would be in the best interest to the public.

We understand that this work is already underway and hope that it can be prioritized and expedited. Our goal as a local jurisdiction is to ensure the protection and safety of the public and our deputies while achieving the legislative intent you have worked so hard to move forward.

We appreciate this important work you are undertaking and avail ourselves as Council, as well as our staff and Washington State Association of Counties for any support we can provide towards this worthy endeavor.

Respectfully,

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Derek M. Young, Chair
Council District 7

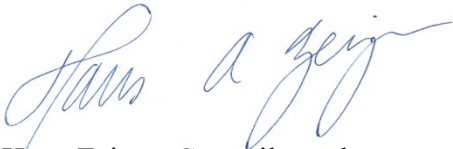
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Dave Morell, Vice Chair
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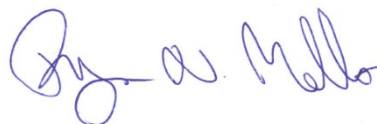
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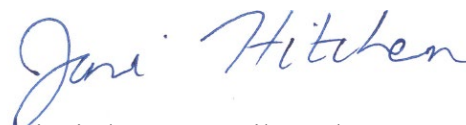
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