

Dear Mayor Durkan and Councilmembers:

We thank Councilmember Mosqueda and the Seattle City Council for your leadership in unanimously passing JumpStart Seattle with a robust spending plan. Our unions represent tens of thousands of workers in Seattle, many on the front lines of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and all of whom will help lay the groundwork for an equitable recovery. **We call on Seattle City Council to override Mayor Durkan's veto of Jumpstart Seattle COVID-19 relief bill, and urge the Mayor to appropriate needed money for emergency relief.**

Every day has made the stakes of the economic crash more apparent, with furloughs, missed rent payments, and other financial struggles. Our members serve on the front lines of the pandemic response and watch their coworkers and neighbors contract the disease. Our members also provide vital public services through the City of Seattle, without which even more of our residents will suffer.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Through Jumpstart Seattle, wealthy corporations will pay a little more, and our city will be able to support residents through COVID, as well as starting to address the immoral homelessness emergency that is occurring daily on our streets.

We call on Seattle City Council to override Mayor Durkan's veto of Jumpstart Seattle. We also call on the Mayor to act swiftly to appropriate needed money to immediately support our neighbors through rental assistance, small business supports, and other critical measures.

In solidarity:

AFSCME Council 2

Ironworkers 86

IUPAT District 5

Laborers 242

MLK Labor

Pacific Northwest Regional Carpenters

Protec17

PSARA (Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action)

SEIU 6

SEIU 925

SEIU 1199NW

SEIU 775

Teamsters 174

UFCW 21

Unite Here Local 8

Working Washington