

Mayor Jenny Durkan
600 4th Ave Floor 7,
Seattle, WA 98104

July 9, 2020

Dear Mayor Durkan:

Our unions represent tens of thousands of workers in Seattle, many on the front lines of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. **We are united in our strong support for Jumpstart Seattle, and we encourage you to sign it without delay.**

Our city and state are facing two related threats. One is a public health crisis, the other is a catastrophic economic crisis at a scale unprecedented since the Great Depression. Both have had and will continue to have a [grossly disproportionate](#) impact on Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities and people of color.

Every day has made the stakes of the economic crash more apparent, with furloughs, missed rent payments, and other financial struggles. But it doesn't have to be this way. **Our city is making a choice to meet the crisis head on by asking the wealthiest companies who call Seattle home to pay their share for our shared recovery.** Through this ordinance, 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.

Jumpstart Seattle is the result of months of deliberate outreach from Councilmember Mosqueda's office, to our organizations and hundreds more. She has built the coalition to move this smoothly through Council, hearing and responding to questions and concerns from all sides. This ordinance has been thoroughly worked, and we applaud her efforts. **We ask that you join us in supporting Jumpstart Seattle, and sign it without delay.**

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

University of Washington Housestaff Association

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