

Northwest Workforce Council

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Dear Legislator:

The Northwest Workforce Council is responsible for governance and oversight of the workforce development system in Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan counties. Our mission is to support efforts that build and maintain the skilled labor force required by local employers.

The Northwest Workforce Council wants to express concern over pending legislation which proposes dramatic tax increases on the petroleum industry and which threatens the viability of this important economic sector. The Northwest Area would be significantly impacted with the loss of family-wage manufacturing jobs from these critically important employers in the region.

The Council is in unanimous agreement that the legislature reject tax measures which so negatively impact the manufacturing sector of our regional economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kochman
Northwest Workforce Council Chair