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Dear friends and neighbors,

I hope you enjoyed your holidays and took time to be grateful for what you have in the midst of these difficult times for our state and nation. Members of the Legislature returned to Olympia January 11 for a 60-day session.

My priorities:

- pass a supplemental budget without tax or fee increases;
- get people back to work by reducing taxes and burdens on employers; and
- public safety reforms that address failures in the system.

Please contact my office with concerns or suggestions as I work for you in Olympia.

It's an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Mike Hope

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JOBS & THE ECONOMY

This year, I'm supporting several proposals to help new and current employers expand and improve the lives of the people they employ:

- reduce taxes for businesses that provide **livable wage jobs**
- incentivizing employers to offer **health insurance** for their employees;
- **reduce taxes** for small businesses to generate consumer buying
- **privatizing workers' compensation insurance** to encourage a cost-effective system that provides more dollars directly to injured workers;

EDUCATION

Finding a way to fully fund education remains at the top of my agenda. I am asking a school funding working group to consider the Iseminger Plan.

The plan will:

1. Fund education **without raising taxes**;
2. **Reduce reliance on property taxes** from voter-approved excess levies;
3. Remove historical **inequities** caused by grandfathering of levy lids in certain school districts;
4. Provide a **consistent** source of financing to support K-12 capital facilities; and
5. Provide a fair and equitable means of adjusting tax burden for **property-poor** school districts.

PUBLIC SAFETY

After the brutal murders of four police officers in Lakewood, I am introducing and supporting legislation to correct a system that failed our fallen heroes.

The **Lakewood Police Officers Memorial Act** would:

- prevent bail to dangerous and habitual offenders
- increase penalties for those who aid and abet criminals

Talking on the House floor with Rep. Chris Hurst, the chair of the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee.