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Dear (Insert Durkan or Inslee),

I am an enraged resident of the city of Seattle writing to you about your response to the violence against protestors, and your role in miseducating the public about the violence perpetrated by police officers against civilians. For you to discuss the matter in [vague terms](#) [\(If emailing Jay Inslee directly use this hyperlink instead\)](#) with no acknowledgement of civil harm at the hands of police officers will only lead to more people getting hurt and murdered. Not all police officers are white men, but all of them are guilty collectively of serving a system that perpetuates and justifies the murder of Black citizens. We have seen time and time again from [eye witness accounts](#) that during these protests police are the ones who incite violence against property, but more importantly, [against civilians](#). It is abundantly clear to us that these officers are not protecting our city. They are protecting their blatant ability to abuse their power and uphold structures supporting white supremacy. I am writing to you today to urge you to:

- Ban the use of rubber bullets, and tear gas by Seattle Police
  - We have seen cases of officers shooting peaceful protesters at close range with rubber bullets to the face, and tear gas used against children. The police are the instigators, not the protesters, and are actively terrorizing citizens exercising their first amendment right.
- Pull the National Guard out of Seattle
  - We do not need the military to help police incite more violence among civilians. It is that simple.
- Demand that police adhere laws outlined during the Geneva Convention in response to protesters
  - Police have intentionally targeted [journalists](#) which violates rulings outlined in the Geneva Convention. It is important that citizens receive accurate information about protests to avoid spreading further miseducation, and the public relies on journalists to provide us with a free press as is our First Amendment right.
- Defund the police
  - In Seattle alone, we spend over \$400 million policing. Instead, I am asking you to divert this funding to deploy more social workers, provide more affordable mental health care in our communities, and build a better system of accountability that helps our communities instead destabilize them.

Sincerely,

(Insert your name here)