

April 3rd, 2020

Office of the Governor - Attn: Jay Inslee  
PO Box 40002 Olympia, WA 98504  
Re: Construction Work is Essential

Dear Governor Jay Inslee,

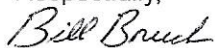
My name is Bill Bruch, I am writing to you as a very concerned citizen. I am a full time property manager and have lived in the state of Washington most of my life; and for the past 20 + years in Skagit County. On March 25th you issued an order saying that residential and commercial private-sector construction is "not essential," shutting down the industry until at least April 8th. At the same time you are saying that public-sector construction is considered "essential," keeping union contracts in place and allowing that part of the industry to thrive.

I understand the very serious COVID-19 issues we are all facing, but It is extremely troubling that you are singling out the private-sector construction trade workers, putting them out of work. How is this not discrimination? Your decree is very unfair and absolutely catastrophic to the thousands of good statewide construction companies, builders, developers, contractors, roofers, carpenters and the others this severely impacts; including all of their families suffering now because of your order.

Last week I started a petition asking for you to please keep Washington like the other states by allowing private-sector construction to be considered as an "essential activity." In the past week it has had over 13,000 signatures, and that number continues to grow. I have had several conversations with the people who signed the petition, all believe the order is very unfair, and all are hoping that you will lift the ban and change the policy on April 9th (or sooner). Please see the petition [here](#).

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Respectfully,



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