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Governor Jay Inslee
Legislative Building

Re: Resignation from the Washington State Senate effective at 9:59 AM, January 3, 2017

Dear Governor Inslee:

As the longest-serving female state senator in Washington history, it has been a sincere honor and privilege to represent the good people of the 31st District. I was also humbled and honored that my colleagues selected me to serve as the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Pursuant to RCW 42.12.020, please accept my resignation from both of these positions effective at 9:59 AM, today.

I'm happy with the many things I have achieved at the state level during my 26 years in the Senate. However, having been elected to the Pierce County Council last fall, I am ready to devote my skills and energy to solving problems at the county level. I will therefore resign my Senate seat and the office of President Pro Tempore of the Senate, effective at 9:59 AM, January 3, 2017.

I look forward to this new challenge and will look back fondly on my time in the Senate. I leave behind a legacy of which I am very proud. I have fought to improve public safety, passed legislation that gives law-enforcement officers and prosecutors more tools to go after human traffickers, and passed ground-breaking measures to protect Washington families by keeping sex predators out of neighborhoods. I also spent much of my state legislative career fighting for taxpayers, protecting property rights, and defending the people's right to make and reject laws through the power of initiative and referendum. I have also been one of the staunchest defenders of all of our Constitutional rights, including the Second Amendment.

God bless the people of Washington state and my colleagues in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Roach".

Senator Pam Roach
31th Legislative District

cc: Hunter Goodman, Secretary of the Senate