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In the interest of protecting the safety of Washington State Residents, I express my strong support for the continued extension of the Governor's Proclamation 20-23.2 which does not allow:

-Disconnection of Energy, Water or Telecommunication from persons who are unable to pay for services due to Covid-19 impacts

-Reconnection fees for these services

-Late fees for late payment of bills.

I also support the development of regulations and guidance as required in 20-23.4 to ensure that people are being treated reasonably and equitably with regard to qualifications for eligibility for the protections of 20-23.2. These guidelines should be open-ended, reviewed regularly by staff and terminated as fits the needs of the residents.

Any special needs of individuals and their families related to age, disability, economic status should be part of the standards.

The costs of these actions should be covered by the general population of the State of Washington through our tax system. Someday, let's redesign that tax system so that those of us with stable <u>incomes</u> will be taxed and we will pay our fair share.

Thank you,

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