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Washington State  
Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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To whom it may concern,

This letter serves as a typed statement for mitigation of the Penalty Assessment for East County Senior Center. We received a certified mail on June 23, 2016 from the UTC stating that we were in violation. I would like to explain a few things that has led up to this violation.

I was hired as Director of ECSC on April 1, 2016. I didn't know about this yearly report until this letter arrived on June 23. Our bookkeeper was hired at the end of March, two weeks before me. The previous bookkeeper was fired near the middle of March. Because of these staff changes and the unknown report, I ask the Commission to be kind to a small nonprofit Senior Center. All Senior Centers in Snohomish County were just denied continued funding from United Way, ending a four decades long funding relationship. United Way is choosing to focus strictly on reducing poverty and homelessness.

ECSC runs a bus program with our one van/bus that transports Seniors and disabled adults throughout our community. This program, called the Mobility Lifeline is truly a lifeline for Seniors in and around Monroe. There are limited transportation options in our area and many, many Seniors live beyond the reach of Community Transit and other programs like DART or TAP. Our bus serves an important need in the daily life of many Seniors.

I can assure you going forward, as long as I am director, ECSC will be on time with this annual report for our Mobility Lifeline transportation program.

Thank you,

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