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# WASHINGTON TRIBES STAND WITH THE PUYALLUP TRIBE

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**Dear Governor Inslee,**

We stand with the Puyallup Tribe in its fight to protect its people, land and water from the devastating effects of Puget Sound Energy's Liquefied Natural Gas facility. Developments such as the liquefied gas storage facility require government-to-government consultation with our sovereign tribal nations. The City of Tacoma's failure to properly consult with the Puyallup Tribe threatens the health, culture and livelihood of thousands of tribal members.

**We applaud the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's requirement to complete a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). We are asking for your leadership and support to join us in demanding that the City of Tacoma, Department of Ecology, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the PSCAA require PSE to cease all construction until the full environmental review of the project is completed and all permit requirements are satisfied. We join the Puyallup Tribe in calling on the Army Corps of Engineers to step in as the federal trustee responsible for protecting the Puyallup Tribe's trust and treaty protected resources.**

The tribes of Washington have a long history of standing together to defend our lands and waters. We have sent a powerful message to state and federal governments, and industry, that we will not tolerate corporate development at any cost. Tribal unity led to a huge victory for sovereignty—the denial of permits for coal terminals at Cherry Point and Longview.

We have seen what happens when development at any cost takes place. U.S. tribes joined First Nations of Canada in strong opposition to the Keystone Pipeline. In November 2017, 210,000 gallons of crude oil leaked near the Lake Traverse Reservation, home of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe of South Dakota. Tribes have long warned that it is not if, but when, disaster will strike and threaten our way of life.

This project is no different and poses substantial human health and safety risks. The City of Tacoma stands to gain significant financial benefits from the development of this storage facility. But these potential profits do not release the city of their legal obligation to meaningfully consult with the Puyallup Tribe as a sovereign nation or comprehensively examine the risks associated with the Liquefied Natural Gas facility.

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We stand with our brothers and sisters of the Puyallup Tribe in their fight to defend their treaty and their home. **And as Governor, we urge you to take action and not allow corporate and financial interests to ignore the importance of tribal treaty rights and the safety of Washington state citizens.**

Sincerely,

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Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Chairwoman Jolene Williams  
Snoqualmie Tribe

Chairwoman Frances G. Charles  
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Chairman Arnold Cooper  
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Chairman Jeremiah Jay Julius  
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