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TO: David Schumacher, Director
Office of Financial Management

FROM: John Wiesman, Secretary
Department of Health

SUBJECT: Department of Health 2020 Supplemental Operating Budget Submittal

I respectfully submit the department's 2020 supplemental operating budget request for Governor Inslee's consideration. This submittal promotes the Governor's public health priorities by strengthening the state's public health system, addressing changes in federal revenue, and responding to other high priority issues which impact the health and safety of Washingtonians.

At the top of our recommendations, we request resources to bolster our state's struggling public health system. We also seek state funding to replace lost Title X federal revenue to continue our state's Family Planning program. Some of our other high priority requests focus on improving immunization compliance within our schools and daycare centers to reduce the spread of vaccine preventable disease outbreaks and offering vaping and tobacco cessation services to young adults who will soon not have legal access to the nicotine products to which they are addicted.

The state's public health system has many needs in addition to those that have been identified in our agency's 2020 supplemental request, however, this set of budget requests represent a comprehensive plan which address our immediate concerns.

I look forward to discussing these issues.

Attachment

cc: Bryce Andersen, Budget Assistant – Office of Financial Management
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