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Dear Mr. Croxton and Ms. Gildersleeve

The Interagency Team (Team) appreciates USEPA and Ecology's invitation to identify areas of the 1997 Memorandum of Agreement¹ (MOA) between the EPA and Ecology that are important to retain.

While the Team understands the MOA is being renegotiated, its description and commitments to Total Maximum Daily Load prioritization, public involvement, scoping, implementation, and tracking align with recommendations the Team made to Ecology and USEPA (Brown and Caldwell, 2014)². Specifically, the Team finds that sections II.A, II.B, III, IV, VI, VII, VIII, X, XIV, XV, and XVI of the MOA are related to recommendations 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 9. To this end, the Team feels these sections of the MOA are important to retain or improve upon within the renegotiated MOA.

The Team looks forward to being provided a copy of the renegotiated MOA to further evaluate alignment with our recommendations and track implementation.

Regards,

The Interagency Team: Clark County, King County, Kitsap County, Pierce County, Snohomish County, Thurston County, City of Bellevue and the Washington State Department of Transportation

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¹Memorandum of Agreement Between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology Regarding the Implementation of Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. October 29, 1997.

²Brown and Caldwell. 2014. Recommendations for Improving Water Quality Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load Programs in Washington State. Report Prepared for the Interagency Team. Retrieved from <http://www.wastormwatercenter.org>