

STATE OF WASHINGTON EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT PO Box 9046 • Olympia WA 98507-9046

January 7, 2020

National Association of State Workforce Agencies Attn: 2020 Winter Workforce Innovation Awards Committee 444 North Capitol Street, NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20001

Re: 2020 Winter Workforce Innovation Awards - Merrill Baumgardner Innovation in Information Technology

Dear Awards Committee:

I am pleased to submit the Washington State Employment Security Department's (ESD) nomination for the Merrill Baumgardner Innovation in Information Technology honoring our Paid Family and Medical Leave technology platform.

By this letter, I confirm my statement of approval as Commissioner and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Suzan G. LeVine Commissioner