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Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Program Director  
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Dear Mr. Levine and Ms. Devlin-Foltz:

I am writing to express my support for the Washington State Coalition for International Education (Coalition) as it seeks additional backing to be utilized in conjunction with the recent State Innovations Grant you have so generously awarded them.

In its application for the State Innovations Grant, the Coalition identified important issues that need to be addressed. I am particularly interested in the concept of integrating international education components of culture, language, and global relationships within the context of social studies and other school subjects. By including this knowledge and perspective in the daily work of our schools, we can make more meaningful connections and engage students.

The Coalition is already surveying schools to develop a database of available international education programs, providing professional development for teachers, linking programs via the web, and building connections between the K-12 and higher education systems. These are sound activities that are making a real difference.

Thank you for working with the Coalition to prepare Washington's students and teachers at all levels of the education system for today's interconnected world. It is my hope that this relationship will continue to grow and result in future successes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Locke".

Gary Locke  
Governor

cc: Michele Anciaux Aoki  
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