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Dear Ms. Singmaster and Ms. Devlin-Foltz:

I am pleased to support the grant proposal submitted by the Washington State Coalition for International Education (Coalition) for a State Innovations in International Education grant from the Asia Society and the Longview Foundation.

Our state first received this grant in 2003, and over the past four years the Coalition has worked to achieve broad support for international education in Washington. *Washington Learns*, an 18-month comprehensive study of this state's education system which I chaired, recently released its final report. Among its goals is the creation of a "world-class education system where all students graduate from high school with an international perspective and the skills to live, learn, and work in a diverse state and global economy." It is my hope that with this grant we can continue to build on our accomplishments in this area.

Washington is truly dedicated to expanding our investment in international education, as evidenced by my trade mission to China in 2005, and Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to our state during April of last year. President Hu and I agreed to work together to establish the Washington State Education and Training Center in China, and to create a Confucius Institute in Washington.

Thank you very much for your consideration. The funding from the State Innovations grant will make it possible for Washington to move forward in preparing our students for today's interconnected world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

