



July 6, 2017

Re: Manufacturing B&O Tax Rate

Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee – Congratulations to you and Legislative Leadership, for coming to agreement on a biennial budget, avoiding a government shutdown and adopting a package to fund basic education.

As business leaders in the I-405 suburban crescent, members of the [East King County Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition](#), also thank you for a signing a revenue bill, 2SSB 5977, which reduces the manufacturing business and occupancy tax rate from the current 0.484 to 0.2904 over four years.

We know that lowering the B&O tax rate over time, will not only benefit the aerospace industry statewide, but will help create family wage jobs in East King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. In fact, Employment Security Department data tells us that in addition to technology, life sciences and professional services, aerospace and the emerging commercial space industry will generate the high paying job clusters of the future in our communities.

That is why our top economic development priorities for the 2017 Session were to renew research and development tax credits, and extend aerospace tax incentives to include the commercial space sector.

We believe the manufacturing business and occupation tax reduction contained in 2SSB 5977, represents a strong commitment to the growth of manufacturing and family wage jobs, and urge you to sign the bill as adopted and enrolled by both the House and the Senate.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,



Bryan Kelley, 2016-17 EKCCCLC Chair
Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce

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