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Dear President ^{Rich} Trumka,

On behalf of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, I have the honor of recommending **Chelsea Orvella** for appointment to the Workforce Information Advisory Council. Ms. Orvella is the Legislative Director for Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, IFPTE Local 2001, and prior to this she worked as the JTPA/WIA/Trade Act Labor Liaison for the WSLC.

I have worked with Chelsea for many years on workforce and economic development issues. She has in-depth knowledge about our workforce development system and needs. This knowledge comes from both a congressional policy level, where she specialized in workforce issues for Congressman Adam Smith, as well as hands-on rank-and-file level dealing with laid off and dislocated workers in the state of Washington. Over the past several years, Chelsea has brought to our attention the disconnect between dollars spent for STEM education and the ability to track what types of STEM jobs were actually created. She has lobbied this issue at both our state level and in Congress. Given the changes in WIOA and the austerity policies that we continue to struggle with at the national and state levels, accurate tracking of occupational data is an important accountability measure for the labor movement and policy makers.

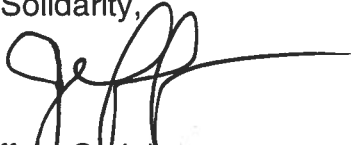
Ms. Orvella is a perfect candidate to represent labor on the new WIAC, created through the WIA reauthorization process (now WIOA). Her theoretical, practical, and policy experience on workforce and on labor and employment information, combined with her ability to clearly articulate labor's positions, will enable her to hit the ground running when this new advisory committee convenes next year.

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I could not recommend Chelsea more highly for your consideration to this position and I would be glad to talk to you or your staff about her qualifications for this position.

Thank you for what you do.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Johnson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey G. Johnson
President

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