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## De-Escalate Washington Campaign – I-940

Dear Tribal Chair:

The Puyallup Tribe is asking for your help. Ever since January 2016 when our tribal member Jackie Salyers was killed by Tacoma police we have been committed to changing the law on police use of deadly force. We know many of you have tribal members and family that have been impacted by police violence as well.

In 2016 the Washington State legislature established a task force to make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. Puyallup Tribal Councilmember Tim Reynon was appointed by Governor Inslee to sit on the task force and Tim pushed hard to make sure issues specific to the tribal community and tribal governments were raised and addressed. The 2017 legislature was unable to reach agreement on how this should be done.

And now we are taking leadership on a state-wide initiative to do just that. We are part of a coalition of community advocates and organizations working on Initiative 940. This coalition developed an initiative, did public polling, and has now established a political action committee. Councilmember Reynon is the vice chair of this committee and tribal member Chester Earl is on the leadership team and executive board as well. Additionally, families that have been impacted by violence have a key role in the campaign and Lanna Covarrubias, who is Suquamish, is the lead of the Family Advisory Council, which represents families in the coalition. We have attached a copy of the petition, a copy of the initiative, a two-page document that tells our values and describes the initiative, and a description of the leadership team.

The Puyallup Tribe has made this a priority. The campaign plan includes paid signature gathering, as well as campaign staff. The budget for this is just under a million dollars. We are committing considerable time and money. We would like your help, and hope that you can give twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25k) to the campaign. If that is not possible, any amount you can give is greatly appreciated. You can make the check payable to "De-escalate Washington" and mail it to "De-escalate Washington I-940" P.O. Box 27447 Federal Way, WA 98093.

For more information about this, please contact Councilmember Tim Reynon at 253-573-7887 or 253-312-1157. You can also speak to Chester Earl at 253-441-1603, or to the Campaign Policy Chair Leslie Cushman at 360-280-0087.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Sterud".

Bill Sterud, Chairman  
Puyallup Tribal Council