



June 3, 2020

Roy Harvey  
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Dear Mr. Harvey:

Washington State has a long-standing commitment to protecting manufacturing jobs, and I was disappointed to hear about your plans to curtail the Ferndale Intalco Works smelter facility by the end of July. My office has engaged in discussions with your company representatives, and we understand that you do not believe anything can be done to keep this essential business operational. Nonetheless, we stand ready to help Intalco fully ramp back up, should you choose to do so when global markets improve.

Washington State has an established infrastructure that allows companies like Intalco to be as competitive as possible, and in 2016, we worked with Intalco executives and federal officials to secure a deal that helped keep the company operational until now. That deal included some of the lowest energy prices in the nation, a tax preference extension worth \$2 million per year, and \$3 million for worker training and skill enhancement.

Our Washington State Employment Security Department, in collaboration with the local Workforce Development Council and labor partners, is working to respond to workers impacted by this closure. I will also be urging the U.S. Department of Labor to quickly approve Trade Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance for affected workers.

Any time a large employer with well-paying jobs leaves a town, the impacts are felt by nearly everyone. Those impacts will be particularly acute in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Understandably, many families in the Ferndale community are worried about what this company decision means to them, and what resources will be available to help them recover.



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Since we do not know when the global aluminum market will improve, I have directed the Washington Department of Commerce to engage with local economic development organizations to ensure that the state's business recruitment team is familiar with, and will be able to promote, the Intalco site and surrounding areas to new potential employers. If you are aware of any potential buyers, please let my office know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please feel free to contact my Senior Policy Advisor, Charles Knutson, at [Charles.Knutson@gov.wa.gov](mailto:Charles.Knutson@gov.wa.gov). My office and all Washington State agencies are committed to helping the communities adversely impacted by this company decision, and we stand ready to support continued operation at Ferndale should Alcoa decide to restart production.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee  
Governor

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Senator, United States Senate  
The Honorable Suzan DelBene, Representative, United States House of Representatives  
The Honorable Rick Larsen, Representative, United States House of Representatives  
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