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Governor Chris Gregoire  
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Dear Governor Gregoire,

A Doppler Radar Weather station along the Washington coast is needed and we want to thank you for your efforts to bring this critical technology to our area.

As you know, our coast has the worst radar coverage in the entire United States and yet is home to some of the busiest ports. The current Doppler coverage for our region is at Camano Island and Portland, Oregon and is blocked by coastal mountains, limiting our ability to provide accurate forecasts and warnings for the entire State. The current coverage is inadequate because it cannot see inside approaching weather systems.

Locating a Doppler Radar Weather station on the coast would greatly enhance weather forecasting and provide time for emergency warnings. It would help protect the safety of our fishing and shipping fleets. The Doppler can even track flocks of migratory birds, which is of special interest to us. In addition, it will help support atmospheric research, which will provide important information for everyone who lives and visits our coastal towns and beaches.

Thank you again for supporting this vital program.

Sincerely,

Arnold Martin  
Vice President  
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