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Greetings from the Governor

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I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending today's conference, sponsored by the Polish American Chamber of Commerce Pacific Northwest (PACCPNW). It is a special privilege to welcome Polish Ambassador Robert Kupiecki and all of our guests to Washington State.

The value of international trade, both to our local communities and our global experience, cannot be overestimated, and, as the most trade-dependent state in the U.S., Washington is keenly aware of the importance of building strong and lasting friendships with other nations. I commend PACCPNW for its efforts to enhance trade relations between the United States and Poland, which also enriches our broader exchange. Global partnerships are about more than economics; they are critical in promoting cultural understanding, international cooperation, and world peace.

Today's conference is also a wonderful opportunity to highlight the many contributions of Polish Americans to our state and nation. Washington's history is derived from a plurality of cultures and experiences, joined together by a common desire for opportunity and prosperity, and I count it a privilege to have a vibrant Polish American community contributing to the social, artistic, and economic vitality of our great state.

Thank you all for coming, and please accept my best wishes for a rewarding and productive meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

