

# WA LAWMAKERS MUST PAVE THE WAY FOR AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

To build an economy that includes everyone, policymakers must...



The people and families who sustain our communities and power our economy must be centered in Washington state's response to COVID-19. Our recovery will only be possible if lawmakers ensure it is equitable, inclusive, and it prioritizes resources to people with low incomes; Black, American Indian and indigenous, and other communities of color; and others who are most impacted by the health and economic crises. Washington state leaders must:

## Bolster investments in health care, education, and other public services that support well-being

The communities most impacted by this crisis need investments – not knee-jerk cuts – at a time of increased need. **Public investments in areas like education, public health, and food and housing assistance** help promote the safety and well-being of communities and will support an equitable, speedy economic recovery.

## Provide cash assistance directly to people

**Direct cash assistance to people struggling to make ends meet** is essential to keep the heart of Washington beating and boost our state's economic recovery. This includes expanding existing cash assistance programs, investing directly in undocumented immigrants who have been excluded from federal relief, and creating a new broad-based cash stimulus for households with low and moderate incomes.

## Raise progressive revenue to equitably invest in communities

There is enough wealth in our state to sustain and strengthen the public investments that keep us all well. **Lawmakers must reject harmful cuts and enact progressive revenue** by eliminating wasteful tax breaks for corporations and raising taxes on the ultra-wealthy to ensure they pay their share. And they must leverage our state budget to strengthen the investments impacted communities need.



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