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Dear Rob:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your outstanding contributions to the success of Washington State's first open enrollment period under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Our state did an outstanding job of enrolling Washingtonians during open enrollment, which is a testament to the tireless efforts of the many partners involved in this endeavor, including the organizations and individuals who guided people through the enrollment process, helped resolve glitches and bumps in the road and ultimately got enrollees signed up. The numbers are in and the results are impressive – more than half a million people are now covered by new, affordable plans. More than 146,000 people enrolled in private plans through the Washington Healthplanfinder, and more than 403,000 people are newly covered by Washington Apple Health. In fact, our Medicaid enrollment efforts have been so outstanding that Washington has already met its Apple Health enrollment goals for 2018.

Your work has made an enormous difference in people's lives, and I applaud your energy and diligence during this critical enrollment period. Having worked directly with enrollees, you know firsthand what a relief it was for many to finally get health coverage or to afford a plan that is actually there when needed and not just in the event of a catastrophe.

Again, thank you for your dedicated efforts. You have been part of a defining moment in history, and together we are building a brighter and healthier future for all Washingtonians.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jay Inslee
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