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Washington State is rich with investment opportunities. Our geographic location on the Pacific Coast, excellent transportation facilities, low-cost energy, productive and innovative work force and beautiful environment make it an attractive location for trade and industry.

Equally important is the way in which our state and local governments support economic development. Here in Washington, we are committed to nourishing new businesses and sustaining established ones.

International investment is welcomed in Washington State. Companies are often attracted to our strong entrepreneurial spirit among the people and businesses already located here. This "Innovation Spirit" drives companies who are based in Washington and known throughout the world, such as Boeing, Microsoft, Amazon and Starbucks.

One way Washington State attracts foreign direct investment is through the EB-5 entrepreneurial visa program administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the establishment of "Regional Centers" across the state. Washington State supports the USCIS EB-5 visa program and encourages foreign investors to explore this investment option if they are seeking residence in the United States as part of their investment strategy.

We are open for businesses and we invite all to come see for themselves what Washington State has to offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Christine O. Gregoire
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