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Jayson Tymko
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Dear Mr. Tymko:

I take seriously the community opposition to your proposed silicon smelter project in Pend Oreille County, especially concerns raised by the Kalispel Tribe. As that opposition grows, it appears PacWest is communicating less with the community, tribal and local governments, and state regulators.

Recent media coverage and conversations with community members lead me to believe that PacWest may be re-evaluating whether to move ahead with the project. But I, like those who live near the proposed smelter, are left to wonder what the future holds.

The state awarded your company a Strategic Reserve Fund grant with an understanding that you would create 200 jobs and make \$200 million in capital investment in Washington State. It was also our understanding that this project would supply materials to the solar panel industry, and that you would provide more information about the end use of the silicon and possible carbon offsets for the project.

Now, the environmental review process initiated with the Department of Ecology is on hold, at your request.

Given these apparent changes, the requirements of the Strategic Reserve Fund contract, and the strong community concerns, I would like PacWest to provide me with an update on the current state of this project and your future plans in Washington State.

If you have questions about this request, you may contact Chris Green, Economic Development Director at the Washington State Department of Commerce, at chris.green@commerce.wa.gov.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee
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