

Mayors and  
Business Leaders for **Public Safety**

May 5, 2023

Snohomish County Council  
Robert J. Drewel Building  
Eighth floor  
3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 609  
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Councilmembers Nehring, Dunn, Peterson, Mead and Low:

On behalf of the undersigned Snohomish County mayors represented by the Mayors and Business Leaders for Public Safety coalition, we are writing to convey our support for Ordinance 23-046, relating to the use and possession of controlled or counterfeit substances.

Currently, cities in Snohomish County and across Washington state are looking to enact laws governing the possession or public use of illegal drugs in our communities. Absent a statewide drug possession statute, we believe the ordinance proposed by the county council will provide a path forward in unincorporated parts of the county that is consistent with what many of our cities are considering.

We understand there are efforts underway in Olympia to craft a new compromise bill that may provide a solution before the current state law expires at midnight on June 30. We hope a compromise can be achieved, but believe it is necessary and prudent to enact legislation at the county and local levels to ensure policies are in place in the event a statewide policy is not enacted.

Thank you for your efforts to address this vital public safety issue. We support this ordinance and urge its passage.

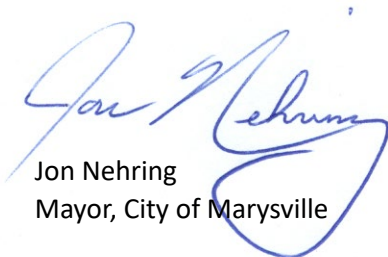
Sincerely,



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Mayor, City of Everett



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Mayor, City of Lake Stevens



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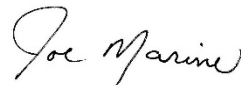
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