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To whom it may concern:

As labor and community leaders representing tens of thousands of working people in Washington State, **we strongly condemn the recent extreme attacks on Liz Berry, candidate for state House of Representatives.** Her opponent, Sarah Reyneveld, falsely accuses her of celebrating a domestic terrorist. **This is a sad distraction,** but more than that, it is disrespectful to the issues and members of the Washington State Association for Justice.

We have worked with Liz for years in her role as a nonprofit executive director of WSAJ, the largest civil justice advocacy organization in the Pacific Northwest. In her role, **Liz and the WSAJ members fight alongside us every day to protect injured workers, hold accountable unscrupulous employers and negligent corporations, and fight discrimination and abuse.** We have stood together in solidarity against insurance companies, polluters, and other special interests on behalf of thousands of Washington workers, patients and families.

In addition to her work advancing justice in Washington, Liz has also devoted her time and energy to supporting women and people of color candidates in races for state and local offices. She has worked to ensure that under-represented communities have the skills and network to run for office and serve their communities. **Liz has worked to literally make our democracy stronger.**

By contrast, negative, misleading ads such as the one paid for by Sarah Reyneveld erode participation and increase cynicism in public life. We call on Sarah Reyneveld to immediately put an end to these negative campaign tactics that have no place in the 36th Legislative District. **These actions are completely out of line with what we expect from aspiring elected leaders.**

In solidarity,

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