



"AS Thank You Letter to Legislators"

Proposed Motions: *Approve the Thank you letter.*

Sponsor: *Carly Roberts*

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Rationale of Proposal

This is a letter that will be sent out to all Washington State Legislators. The purpose of this letter is to follow through on the recent state budget's passing, which came out to be very favorable to our students. This is important because we need to be representing the student voice at all times and at all steps of the legislative process, not just when we are asking for things or raising issues.

Contents of letter

Dear Legislator,

We offer you our most sincere thanks on behalf of all Western Washington University students. The funds allocated towards our school in the recently released state budget give WWU students great hope for the future.

We know that the budgeting process is a long and complicated one with many important needs competing for the same funds. Thank you for making higher education in our state a priority. Our university has been able to freeze in-state tuition for the first time in over two decades, and greatly needed expansion will now be possible in some of our highest demand departments. With this support, Western will continue to be an affordable and high-quality school for the students of our state.

By investing in Western students, you are investing in the future teachers, scientists, businesspeople, leaders, and entrepreneurs of Washington. Thank you for valuing the future, and supporting the families and students of Western Washington University.

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