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Dear [REDACTED],

Tomorrow, Gov. Inslee's labor negotiators are going to sit down with unions representing state employees for one of their many bargaining sessions this summer. These contract negotiations determine important questions about how much state government costs, what services will be provided to taxpayers and whether public employees will be forced to pay union dues.

But these important meetings are closed off to reporters, taxpayers, union members and anyone else who has a stake in the proceedings. It doesn't have to be this way. [Many other states, including Oregon, regularly conduct such meetings in public.](#)

[That's why the Freedom Foundation is going to protest the unjustified secret meetings taking place tomorrow. Can you join us in our call to bring much-needed transparency to the collective bargaining process?](#)

**What:** Protest of Inslee's secret meetings with state unions

**When:** Wednesday, August 6, from 8-9:30am

**Where:** The [Tivoli Fountain](#) on the east side of the Washington State Capitol Campus

**Parking:** Information about parking is [available here](#).

The protest will feature signs, street theater and speakers. The protest will culminate with a march to the site of the closed-door negotiations at the Washington State Labor Council, located several blocks away.

Gov. Inslee, who benefited from \$5.8 million in union campaign spending last election, should not be allowed to reward his biggest special interest campaign donors with taxpayer money and mandatory union dues in secret. We hope you can stand with us as we demand the public be permitted to access these important meetings.

For Freedom,

Maxford Nelsen, *Labor Policy Analyst*

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