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Washington State Health Care Authority
ATTN: Washington Exchange Board
626 8th Ave SE
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To whom it may concern:

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a Tribal organization organized under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Pub, law 93-638).¹ The Board represents all twenty-nine federally recognized Tribes in Washington on health care issues. We are writing to nominate Bill Riley to serve on the Exchange Advisory Committee to be established under SB 5445.

Mr. Riley serves as the Health Director for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and has worked in the health care arena for many years. Bill also serves on the NPAIHB Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the American Indian Health Commission of Washington State (AIHC). His many years of health care experience make Bill worthy of consideration for appointment to the Exchange Advisory Committee. Mr. Riley was instrumental in assisting NPAIHB to develop the Indian specific provisions that were contained in the Affordable Care Act. He understands the insurance market and Indian health policy, which will be important issues that the Exchange Advisory Committee will address.

The composition of the Exchange Advisory Committee must include a fair and equal representation of all Washingtonians. Because of the unique legal and political responsibility that the State of Washington has with federally recognized Tribes, it would be appropriate to appoint a representative from a Washington Tribe. We recommend Bill Riley for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Andy Joseph, Jr.,
Chairman of the Board
Colville Tribal Council Member

¹ As defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638, 25 U.S.c. §40S(b), a Tribal organization is a legally established governing body of any Indian Tribe(s) that is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such Indian Tribe(s) and designated to act on their behalf.



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Ms. Wosnig also serves on the NPAIHB Board of Directors and is the Secretary for the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State (AIHC). Leslie is worthy of consideration for her many years of experience at working in health care. She will bring a unique perspective to the Advisory Committee that represents consumers, providers and purchasers of health care. She has worked for many years on health care issues for Washington's most underserved population, which have the highest health disparities of any group in the United States.

The composition of the Exchange Advisory Committee established under SB 5445 must include a fair and equal representation of all Washingtonians. Because of the unique legal and political responsibility that the State of Washington has with federally recognized Tribes, it would be most appropriate to include representation from Tribal governments. We nominate and recommend Leslie Wosing for this appointment.

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