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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

SHYANNE COLVIN, SHANELL DUNCAN, TERRY KILL, LEONDIS BERRY, and THEODORE ROOSEVELT RHONE,

Petitioners,

v.

JAY INSLEE, Governor of the State of Washington, and STEPHEN SINCLAIR, Secretary of the Washington State Department of Corrections,

Respondents.

PETITIONERS' SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

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I. STATEMENT

Petitioners respectfully file this statement to inform the Court of the following supplemental authorities:

- Regarding the issues of court's authority to grant relief for COVID-19 to people in prison, the decision of *Wilson v. Williams*, No. 4:20-cv-00794 (N.D. Ohio Apr. 22, 2020) does the following:
 - a. Recognizes courts have the authority to "enlarge" custody in class habeas actions seeking release, *id.* at 8;
 - Recognized courts may grant injunctive relief to a
 conditional class given the emergency nature of a
 proceeding relating to COVID-19 and prisons, *id.* at 12;
 and
 - c. Grants relief to protect vulnerable people in prisons, including ordering a process to identify and evaluate class members' eligibility for release or other relief to protect them from threat of the virus until the threat is abated, or a vaccine is available and there are sufficient supplies to vaccinate the prison population, *id.* at 20-21.
- Regarding threat of the spread of COVID-19 in prisons, Hannah
 Drier, "A Recipe for disaster": American prison factories
 becoming incubators for coronavirus," Washington Post (Apr. 21,

2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/a-recipe-for-disaster-american-prison-factories-becoming-incubators-for-coronavirus/2020/04/21/071062d2-83f3-11ea-ae26-989cfce1c7c7_story.html:

- a. Reporting on how American prisons are incubators for COVID-19 due to inconsistent access to soap and disinfectant and difficulty maintaining social distancing;
- b. Prison workers, who already most vulnerable due to conditions in the workplace, are being put at even higher risk of infection from COVID-19 as many have been required to continue to work during the pandemic, to produce supplies for the community to response to the virus.
- Regarding testing of asymptomatic individuals and spread in congregate settings, Reilly Kneedler, "36 asymptomatic Stemilt employees test positive for COVID-19," Wenatchee World (Apr. 21, 2020), https://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/coronavirus/36-asymptomatic-stemilt-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19/article_4f0e7e54-840a-11ea-a88c-5f1045c97810.html:
 - a. Half of the 71 agricultural farmworkers living in an agricultural grower's housing facility near East Wenatchee

tested positive for COVID-19; all 36 were asymptomatic prior to testing.

b. Agricultural grower stated in response that, "[w]hat these results tell us is that asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 are so common that [CDC] measures are not sufficient in these settings even when implemented well."

RESPECTFULLY SUMITTED this 22nd day of April, 2020.

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

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