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THE HONORABLE GARY F. LOCKE

As Governor of Washington State, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and most recently as America's Ambassador to China, Gary Locke has been a leader in the areas of education, employment, trade, human rights, and the environment.

As Washington's 21st Governor from 1997-2005, the nation's most trade dependent state, Mr. Locke increased exports of Washington State products and services by leading trade missions to Mexico, Europe, and Asia, more than doubling the state's exports to China.

During his tenure, he achieved bipartisan welfare reform and oversaw the gain of 280,000 private sector jobs, despite two national recessions. Mr. Locke also had the most diverse cabinet in state history. More than half his judicial appointments were women and 25% were people of color. His management skills and innovations in government efficiency have won him acclaim by nationally recognized authors and organizations, including Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. During his tenure, Washington was ranked one of America's four best managed states.

As Secretary of Commerce from 2009-2011, he led President Obama's National Export Initiative to double American exports; assumed a troubled 2010 Census process but which under his active supervision ended on time and \$2 billion under budget; and achieved the most significant reduction in patent application processing in the agency's history: from 40 months down to one year.

As Ambassador to China from 2011-2014, he opened markets for made-in-USA goods and services; reduced wait times for visa interviews of Chinese applicants from 100 days to 3 days; and through the Embassy's air quality monitoring program, exposed the severity of the air pollution in China, causing the Chinese people to demand action by the government and the government in turn to begin addressing the issue.

Mr. Locke is Chairman of Locke Global Strategies, providing strategic advice and consulting services to businesses in the United States and China across a spectrum of issues including international trade.

He also served as Interim President of Bellevue College, the largest open access college in Washington State, from 2020-2023.

He is the proud father of Emily, Dylan, and Madeline.