

The Honorable Judge Benjamin A. Settle

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DIVISION OF WASHINGTON**

CLINT DIDIER, LISA THOMAS, TIM)	NO. 3:20-cv-5408
EYMAN, LAWANDA JOY HATCH,)	
DEAN WELLSFRY, PATTY DETRO,)	DECLARATION OF
and JASON BERNICA, and OTHER)	TIM EYMAN
NONESSENTIAL WASHINGTONIANS)	
SIMILARLY SITUATED,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
JAY INSLEE, in his capacity as Governor)	
of the state of Washington,)	
)	
Defendant,)	
)	

DECLARATION OF TIM EYMAN

I, Tim Eyman, a plaintiff named in this case, on oath and subject to the laws of perjury in the state of Washington, being over 18 years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth herein, now declare as follows:

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1. Governor Jay Inslee's lockdown has dramatically hampered my political activities. By firing nearly a million low- and middle-income citizens by deeming them non-essential, it put a monkey-wrench into their take home pay, lessening the money these people have, to donate to my political efforts. In my race for governor, many longtime supporters are willing to donate but lack the disposable income to do so.

2. On March 23 in Bellingham, there was a city council meeting. I invited supporters to join me. Because of Inslee's lockdown, many fewer supporters attended this event. In order to lobby elected officials, there must be a show of force which is measured by turn-out; when only 15 people show up, the city council is not moved to act.

3. On March 24 in Edmonds, there was a city council meeting. I invited supporters to join me. Because of Inslee's lockdown, many fewer supporters attended this event. We were informed that night during the council meeting that the Governor had suspended the open public meetings act and law enforcement told us we needed to leave the building. This allowed the city council to impose new restrictions on the right of citizens to protect themselves with a constitutionally protected right to possess a firearm. Our small cadre of supporters still managed to chant "let us speak" repeatedly which resulted in a 30-minute delay in the meeting. It was this in person action that spurred the mayor and council to later reverse themselves days later.

Shutting down the Open Meetings Act and public records act has severely limited my ability and our supporters' ability to deter bad legislation.

4. For example, on April 6 in Seattle, there was a city council meeting. I invited supporters to join me. Because of Inslee's lockdown, many fewer supporters attended this event. This was the council meeting where Seattle city councilmember Kshama Sawant was pushing her new "head tax". The lack of attendance at the hearing gave the impression that voters did not care enough about the new head tax to show up to oppose it. Inslee's lockdown specifically allows legislating by government to continue despite the inability of citizens to affect the process because in person lobbying is the only effective way to show elected officials how the voters feel about legislation. Zoom and Skype are not a replacement for in person testimony and the opportunity for interaction with lawmakers and the media.

5. Citizens who tell their stories in a public forum and can critique the proposed legislation in a public hearing are quoted in the newspapers and shown on the TV news broadcasts which influences and changes the legislative process. Jay Inslee's lockdown has harmed my ability to get citizens to attend these events because he has shut down citizen participation in the process.

6. On April 25, I invited citizens to join us on Lake Washington to protest Governor Inslee's prohibition on fishing. On April 26, people in boats participated and descended on Lake Union around Gas Works Park. There were signs, there was

media coverage, there was public criticism of the Governor. This political activity worked – the next day, the Governor announced new easing of the restrictions on fishing. But this political activity was hampered by Inslee’s lockdown. I and many citizens had to openly defy the Governor’s stay-at-home order to get the spotlight put on this issue.

7. My ability to spur citizens to action is being hindered by the Governor. This harms my ability to raise funds for my political activities including my campaign for Governor.

8. Inslee’s lockdown has severely restricted my ability to raise funds from the people and businesses who oppose Jay Inslee’s reelection. Inslee’s lockdown specifically targeted the people and businesses who would normally give to my campaign and his lockdown specifically exempted his biggest donors leaving them free to contribute to his campaign. This harms me and all those who agree with me that Jay Inslee has hurt more people than coronavirus ever will.

9. This is my declaration signed in _____ Washington, this _____ day of May 2020.

Tim Eyman, Plaintiff

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss
COUNTY OF KING)

On this day Tim Eyman personally appeared before me; and is known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that it was signed as a free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____
2020.

(Signature of officer and official seal)

(printed name)

Notary Public in and for the state of Washington

Residing at _____

My commission expires: _____