

To the dedicated, hardworking, compassionate, patient, professional, encouraging, helpful employees of Whatcom County WorkSource:

In today's economic climate, which rolled into town two years ago, the community, our community, took a hard impact and according to the Herald, it's still a problem for Bellingham.

The great news is you, every one of you, as the demands of your responsibilities increased as well as intensified, you dug in and got stronger. As your clients' negative energy increased because of uncertainty, fear, despair, and diminished optimism and hope, you drew from within yourselves the resolve to serve the clients better – as true frontline warriors under trying circumstances with limited resources. I hope our elected officials, inclusive of Governor Gregoire, grasp the full dimension of all that you are accomplishing. In times like we're experiencing presently, it is rewarding to know and to witness you and the clients coming together, working together with common purpose, for the mutual good for all of us, for our community, for our nation. Continue to stand strong and faithful to your mission and service. Thank you for giving so much!

A tax paying citizen who is proud of you!

Don

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