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**20 additional progressive organizations endorse State Representative Tarra Simmons for Reelection**

*Labor, healthcare, education, community and environmental progressive organizations unite behind LD 23<sup>rd</sup> champion*

Bremerton, WA – State Representative Tarra Simmons announced today the endorsement of more than 20 additional organizations ranging from labor, healthcare, environmental advocacy, education, and community organizing. Today’s announcement is the latest affirmation of the deep local progressive support for Representative Simmons’s reelection campaign for the 23rd Legislative District.

The endorsing organizations include: Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners United, the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington (NWPC-WA), Poulsbo 4 All, Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA), Washington Federation of State Employees, SEIU 775, Washington Machinists Council, UFCW 3000, Progreso Latino Washington, Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, Sierra Club, 314 Action Fund, Washington Education Association Olympic UniServ Council Political Action Committee (WEA-PAC), Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, Washington Conservation Action, Alliance for Gun Responsibility Victory Fund, AFT Washington, North Kitsap Indivisible, and Women of Color in Politics.

"I am incredibly grateful for the support of all these wonderful progressive community leaders. Each one of them represents nurses, workers, environmental advocates, educators, immigrant communities and women fighting for a seat at the table and I know they all see what we are building together in the 23<sup>rd</sup> District," said Representative Tarra Simmons. "Every one of these endorsements is a reminder of who I go to Olympia to fight for, the accomplishments we have earned together in the halls of the legislature and I look forward to continuing to have the honor of fighting for those who all too often have been historically left behind."

Representative Simmons has spent the past six sessions in Olympia delivering real results for our communities. Simmons has authored five bills in healthcare that got signed into law, secured millions in capital budget funding for affordable housing in Kitsap County and led on criminal justice reform, labor rights and environmental protection.

**About Representative Tarra Simmons**

Tarra Simmons is a lawyer, a civil rights activist, and a national leader in the fight for criminal justice reform. Raised in Bremerton, she has faced some of the biggest barriers to success and opportunity — from poverty, to opioid use disorder and incarceration. It was with the help of this community — friends, family, colleagues and neighbors — that she was able to overcome these circumstances and become a tireless advocate for change. She was first elected to the state House

of Representatives in November 2020, where she currently serves as Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore, vice chair of the Committee on Community Safety and as a committee member on Health Care & Wellness, as well as Technology, Economic Development & Veterans.

Representative Simmons's collaborative advocacy and constituent service in Olympia has been covered extensively in local and national media. Most recently, *Truthout* reported on her successful efforts to expand housing assistance and restore voting rights for qualifying formerly incarcerated individuals. Locally, outlets from the *Seattle Times* to the *Kitsap Sun* and *PubliCola* have published articles, letters to the editor and guest columns on her work to block corporate tax breaks during an affordability crisis, reform resentencing procedures and focus limited budget resources to best protect access to food, housing and healthcare.

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