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To: Fathi, Sahar (GOV) <Sahar.Fathi@GOV.wa.gov>

Subject: Thank you for hosting WENA at the Governor's Office...Please Confirm Receipt!

Hi Sahar...

Thank you again for meeting with Washington Equity Now Alliance (WENA) Members and Board of Directors last Monday, July 13, 2026.

All of our attendees appreciated the opportunity to express our determination to swiftly resolve what appears to be the Department of Commerce's erroneous awarding of the Washington Reparations Study ("the Study") grant to Further Consulting Services, LLC, aka "Truclusion", the only company which apparently failed to meet the mandatory minimum qualifications required by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5167, the enabling legislation which the Washington State Legislature passed and Governor Ferguson signed into law on May 20, 2025.

We also thank you for forwarding WENA's concerns to the Washington State Attorney General's Office for that Office's legal review of this matter.

However, as we expressed at Monday's meeting, we must not allow this hand-off to the AG's office to further delay a swift resolution of this matter.

To this end, as we requested last Monday, please reply with the contact information for the attorney at the Attorney General's office who has been assigned this case so our attorneys can promptly provide the AG attorney the attached Commerce Request for Proposal (RFP) and other supplemental evidence we have recently received on this matter.

Again, thank you for hosting our July 13th meeting. We look forward to working with you to expeditiously resolve this matter while maintaining the integrity of Washington state's grant awarding process, which is in best interest of all Washingtonians.

Have a great week and talk to you soon!

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