



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

TO: Individuals on DOC Supervision for Simple Drug Possession Convictions  
FROM: Governor Jay Inslee  
DATE: July 23, 2021

In February 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court, in *State v. Blake*, held that Washington State's drug possession statute which criminalizes simple drug possession, RCW 69.50.4013(1), is unconstitutional. Accordingly, individuals charged and prosecuted under this statute were convicted under an invalid law. To provide relief to these individuals, I am offering clemency to those still on Department of Corrections (DOC) supervision related to a conviction under this statute.

Clemency, here an unconditional commutation, will not automatically remove the conviction from court files and does not grant you legal authority to state that you have never been convicted of a crime. Other, more robust remedies may be available through the courts. An unconditional commutation will simply waive the remainder of your supervision and legal financial obligations on this conviction. Finally, you may wish to seek legal advice before requesting clemency.

Please complete the below petition and return it to your corrections officer, who will route it to the Governor's Office through Washington's Office of Public Defense.

**\*\*This petition is only applicable to the narrow clemency relief described in this memo.\*\***

Sincerely,

Jay Inslee  
Governor

# Petition for an Unconditional Commutation

## *State v. Blake*

Eligible individuals are encouraged to fill out this Petition for an Unconditional Commutation Order from Governor Inslee relating to their drug possession conviction. This petition applies only to those who are on Department of Corrections (DOC) community custody for drug possession under RCW 69.50.4013(1). This petition does not apply to (1) individuals who have *completed* their community custody sentences, (2) individuals currently on community custody for a *combination* of drug possession and another offense, or (3) individuals sentenced to prison instead of community custody.

**Please print clearly in blue or black pen and send your completed, signed petition to either:**

**Email Address:** Blake@opd.wa.gov

**Postal Address:** Office of Public Defense  
PO Box 40957  
Olympia, WA 98504-0957

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Petitioner's Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth: Month:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Day:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOC Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **CASE INFORMATION (include multiple cases if applicable)**

**Sentencing County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause/Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PETITIONER SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

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**ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER / BAR NUMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

### **PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- MAIL** me a copy of the final commutation order once it is signed. Please send it to the following postal address:

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- E-MAIL** me a copy of the final commutation order once it is signed. Please send it to the following email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that it may take up to six weeks for the commutation order to be returned to you.  
Questions can be directed to 360-586-3164 ext. 218 or Blake@OPD.wa.gov*