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Nick,

I knew even as I campaigned for you that we had disagreements about several issues, but I have nevertheless been proud of the job you've done so far on the City Council. However, I feel compelled to express my horror over your reported "receptiveness" to the idea of providing shelter for the WTO protestors. I can report to you that I do not know a single person who has anything but contempt for these anarchist crybabies. I also don't know a single soul who gives a damn about the WTO-most of us just want to go to work and live our lives and let the world go by. The protestors seem determined to ruin the peace and quite and sense of community and cooperation that characterizes our city. Nobody wants them coddled. The joke around the office is that the accommodations that the city should provide for these degenerates is in the county jail. I really feel that any accommodation for these people will be an example of yet another disconnect between the council and the people-the kind of disconnect that leads to anger and resulted in the passage of I-695. These people are threatening our livelihood-everyone is worried about getting to work on time. Our company has already committed thousands of dollars to relocate our network operations center during the WTO conference because we anticipate bomb threats in our building and protestors storming our offices (we are located in the World Trade Building). And the city council and the mayor are reportedly offering to help them!

Most Seattle residents don't care about the WTO being some big event in history, or about putting Seattle on the map. (We're already on the map, by the way, up there north of Portland) We just want to left alone!

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