



### **Media Advisory**

## **WCIT Annual Trade Summit to highlight critical issues shaping Washington state economy** *Virtual Conference to Feature Elected Officials, Trade Experts*

**SEATTLE, WA – May 9, 2022** – The most critical issues shaping and defining the region’s trade and economic landscape will be the focus of the Washington Council on International Trade (WCIT) annual Trade Summit to take place Thursday, May 12. The six-hour virtual event will bring together the state’s top business, government, and community leaders as well as national and international officials and experts to share insights and discuss policy challenges and potential programmatic solutions.

Top elected officials including U.S. Rep Susan DelBene (D-WA), Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA) and Lt. Governor Denny Heck as well as Jayme White, Deputy United States Trade Representative lead the agenda with individual sessions on the latest trade developments and policies.

Beyond these one-on-one interviews, journalists, academicians, foreign government officials and business leaders will participate in panels on topics that include U.S.-China Trade relations, Indo-Pacific trade, the environment, climate and trade and challenges beyond the pandemic.

“In bringing together the foremost experts and elected leaders with the Washington trade community, we are able to get a thoughtful perspective on the issues that will drive the future of trade in the region,” said Lori Otto Punke, President of the Washington Council on International Trade. “We are looking forward to a lively discussion and great insights from our distinguished participants.”

Details of the event as well as a list of participants is available here: <https://wcit.org/2021/05/11/join-us-2021-virtual-wcit-trade-summit//>

For press interested in covering the event and/or specific panels, please contact Angela Green at [Angela@wcit.org](mailto:Angela@wcit.org) for media registration information and the current agenda.

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