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**Subject:** RE: Kuderer Formal Opinion Request - 22-03-01

**From:** Bruce, Joyce (ATG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 8:36 AM  
**To:** Purcell, Noah Guzzo (ATG); Even, Jeffrey T (ATG)>  
**Subject:** Official AGO Opinion Request: Senator Kuderer

Good morning Noah and Jeff,

Senator Kuderer has submitted a request for an official AGO opinion on the legal authority of the state to legislate and regulate rail worker occupational safety as it relates to the provisions of [SB 5065](#). . . .

Please do let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Joyce

**Joyce Bruce**  
Legislative Director  
Office of Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson

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**From:** Kuderer, Sen. Patty  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:05 AM  
**To:** Bruce, Joyce (ATG)  
**Subject:** SB 5065

Dear Joyce,

I am following up on a previous email where I requested to meet with an AAG to discuss the “preemption” argument that has been raised in connection with my bill to create paid family and medical leave and provide other protections in connection with the leave for railroad workers. . . . I am also reiterating my request for a formal AG opinion on this issue.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best regards,

**Senator Patty Kuderer**  
Washington State Senate – 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District