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The Honorable Steve Hobbs
Elections Division
ATTN: Initiative and Referendum
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Re: Initiative No. 2117

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 2117 to the Legislature (an act relating to prohibiting all state agencies, counties, and cities from implementing any type of carbon tax credit trading, also known as “cap and trade” or “cap and tax” scheme).

BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 2117 concerns carbon tax credit trading.

Concise Description: This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, including “cap and trade” or “cap and tax” programs, regardless of whether the resulting increased costs are imposed on fuel recipients or fuel suppliers. It would repeal sections of the 2021 Washington Climate Commitment Act as amended, including repealing the creation and modification of a “cap and invest” program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by specific entities.

Sincerely,

s/
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