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The Honorable Steve Hobbs  
Elections Division  
ATTN: Initiative and Referendum  
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Re: Initiative No. 2053

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 2053 to the People (an act relating to repealing chapter 351, Laws of 2024, the Washington decarbonization act for large combination utilities act).

**BALLOT TITLE**

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 2053 concerns energy and large combination utilities.

Concise Description: This measure would allow optional utility-bill surcharges to promote electrification and also repeal chapter 351, Laws of 2024, which limits natural gas inducements and adopts planning requirements for large combination utilities, as defined.

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

**BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY**

This measure would allow certain utilities to add optional ten-percent surcharges to utility bills beginning in 2026, with proceeds to promote electrification. It would also repeal chapter 351, Laws of 2024, which adopts planning requirements for certain large combination electrical and gas companies to support decarbonization and achieve cost-effective electrification; encourages mechanisms accounting for greenhouse gases when selling wholesale electricity; authorizes construction and investment processes for renewable-energy facilities; and limits natural gas rebates and inducements.

Sincerely,

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