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The Honorable Kim Wyman
Elections Division
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Re: Initiative No. 1505

Dear Secretary Wyman:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 1505 to the People (an act relating to the use of gender-designated facilities).

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1505 concerns gender-segregated facilities and civil liability.

Concise Description: This measure would repeal protections against gender-identity discrimination in certain public-accommodation facilities, require that public schools restrict access to specific facilities based on anatomical or chromosomal sex, and allow related lawsuits against schools.

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

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would repeal Human Rights Commission rules interpreting the Law Against Discrimination as allowing people to use gender-segregated facilities based on gender-identity, restrict similar local laws, and state that, with exceptions, the law does not require granting access to "private facilities" based on gender identity. It requires that public-school bathrooms and locker rooms open to multiple people be gender-segregated, and authorizes lawsuits against schools that grant students access to those facilities based on gender-identity.

Sincerely,


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