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The Honorable Sam Reed  
ATTN: Carolyn Berger  
Initiative Supervisor  
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Re: Initiative No. 518

Dear Mr. Reed:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 518 to the Legislature (an act relating to labeling foods containing genetically engineered materials).

### BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 518 concerns labeling of genetically-engineered raw agricultural commodities and foods.

Concise Description: This measure would require certain genetically-engineered raw agricultural commodities and processed foods made with or derived from certain genetically-engineered ingredients to be labeled as genetically engineered, and provide for enforcement, beginning in 2015.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes  No

### BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would require certain genetically-engineered raw agricultural commodities and processed foods made with or derived from certain genetically-engineered ingredients to be labeled as genetically engineered, beginning July 1, 2015. The measure would set labeling standards, authorize enforcement and civil penalties, and require the department of agriculture to maintain an annually updated list of raw agricultural commodities that are commonly cultivated commercially using genetic engineering. The measure would provide limited exceptions from the labeling requirement.

Sincerely,

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