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The Honorable Kim Wyman
Elections Division
ATTN: Initiative and Referendum
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Re: Initiative No. 1608

Dear Secretary Wyman:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 1608 to the People (an act relating to increasing the transparency of collective bargaining involving government unions and public employers).

BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1608 concerns collective bargaining by state and local public employers.

Concise Description: This measure would make collective bargaining sessions between public employers and employee organizations open for public observation and recording, make bargaining proposals public, and establish an online library of public collective bargaining agreements.

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

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would require that all collective bargaining sessions for contract negotiations between state and local public employers and employee organizations be open for public observation and recording. It would require all public employers to make all collective bargaining proposals available to the public within two business days by posting them online or providing them on request. It would require the public employment relations commission to publish an online library of collective bargaining agreements.

Sincerely,

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