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The Honorable Kim Wyman Elections Division ATTN: Initiative and Referendum PO Box 40220 Olympia, WA 98504-0220

Re: Initiative No. 1636

Dear Secretary Wyman:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 1639 to the People (an act relating to balancing the state tax code).

BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1636 concerns taxation.

<u>Concise Description</u>: This measure would require the legislature to take action to require households earning over \$600,000 annually to pay at least the same percentage of income in state taxes as middle and low-income households.

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

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would require the legislature to take action by the end of the 2020 legislative session to balance the tax code so that households earning over \$600,000 annually would pay at least the same percentage of income in state taxes as middle and low-income households pay. It would define "middle and low-income households." It would require the department of revenue to analyze how state taxes affect households and provide regular reports to the legislature.

Sincerely,

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