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

Re: Referendum Measure No. 99

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Referendum Measure No. 99 is a referendum for submission to the people. In accordance with RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Referendum Measure No. 99 (act relating to act relating to state laws that address climate change).

If this measure qualifies to appear on the ballot, it will bear the following ballot title, including the bracketed language which need not appear on the petitions:

BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: The legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5842 concerning the state Climate Commitment Act [and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on part of this act].

Concise Description: The part of this bill subject to referendum would clarify the mechanism and timing by which certain entities that are subject to regulation under the state Climate Commitment Act must demonstrate compliance with existing obligations under that Act.

Should this bill be Approved Rejected

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

The part of this bill subject to referendum would amend the 2021 Climate Commitment Act, which directed the Department of Ecology to implement a “cap-and-invest” program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, it would clarify the mechanism and timing by which certain entities subject to regulation under the Climate Commitment Act must demonstrate compliance with existing obligations under that Act, including providing for annual transfer of compliance instruments during the Act’s four-year compliance period.

Sincerely,

s/ Jeffrey T. Even
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