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The Honorable Steve Hobbs
Elections Division
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Re: Referendum Measure No. 97

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Referendum Measure No. 97 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. 97 (act relating to establishing firearms-related safety measures to increase public safety by prohibiting the manufacture, importation, distribution, selling, and offering for sale of large capacity magazines, and by providing limited exemptions applicable to licensed firearms manufacturers and dealers for purposes of sale to armed forces branches and law enforcement agencies for purposes of sale or transfer outside the state).

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 Substitute Senate Bill 5078 concerning large capacity magazines for firearms [and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this act].

Concise Description: This bill would prohibit manufacturing, importing, distributing, or selling, “large-capacity magazines” that can accept more than 10 ammunition rounds, with exceptions for military, law-enforcement, and other purposes, and sets penalties for violations.

Should this bill be ___ Approved ___ Rejected

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This bill would prohibit manufacturing, importing, distributing, selling, or offering to sell large capacity magazines, defined as certain ammunition-feeding devices that can accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition, and related kits or parts. It would not apply to such acts when done for the purpose of sale to the armed forces to in-state law enforcement, or for export from Washington. Violations would be gross misdemeanors and, if online, would violate the Consumer Protection Act.

Sincerely,
s/ Jeffrey T. Even
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