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The Honorable Steve Hobbs
Elections Division
ATTN: Initiative and Referendum
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Re: Initiative No. 2066

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 2066 to the People (an act relating to promoting energy choice by protecting access to gas for Washington homes and businesses).

BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns natural gas regulations.

Concise Description: This measure would repeal or prohibit certain state and local laws and regulations that restrict or discourage gas use, and would require utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

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

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would require utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers; prevent state approval of rate plans requiring or incentivizing gas service termination, restricting access to gas service, or making it cost-prohibitive; and prohibit the state energy code, localities, and air pollution control agencies from penalizing gas use. It would repeal sections of chapter 351, Laws of 2024, including planning requirements for cost-effective electrification and prohibitions on gas rebates and inducements.

Sincerely,

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