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The Honorable Sam Reed
ATTN: Carolyn Berger
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Re: Initiative No. 1117

Dear Mr. Reed:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 1117 to the People (an act relating to health insurance).

BALLOT TITLE

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1117 concerns health insurance.

Concise Description: This measure would declare that state residents may opt out of certain federal health insurance requirements without incurring federal tax penalties, and permit businesses and individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would declare that state residents could opt out of health insurance requirements in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act without any federal tax liability. The measure would direct the insurance commissioner to create forms that residents could file to opt out. Small and medium businesses would be authorized to form purchasing pools. Businesses and individuals would be authorized to purchase insurance across state lines to obtain better coverage or lower rates.

Sincerely,



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