



**Vote NO on deceptive and
dangerous initiatives**

Defend Washington is a campaign against four dangerous and deceptive initiatives





All four use deceptive language, harm frontline workers, and shift the bill to the middle class



Brian Heywood, CEO of Taiyo Pacific Partners

**Who's funding
the initiatives?**

**Who's sponsoring
the initiatives?**



Jim Walsh, MAGA WA Republican Chair

Slate messaging

By allowing big corporations and the wealthy to avoid paying what they owe, these initiatives will unfairly **shift the bill to middle- and low-income families.**



If these initiatives pass, our front-line workers will be hurt. These initiatives will eliminate programs that pay firefighters, teachers, and care providers. Those are the last jobs we should be cutting.



But they got so many signatures!

Brian Heywood spent **\$6 million of his own money** to get these **deceptive initiatives** on the ballot. They are **intentionally written to be misleading** because the sponsors don't want us to know what they really do.



Initiative 2117



Ends protections for air, water, forest, and farmlands by enabling polluters to discharge harmful substances without regulatory oversight



Shifts costs from corporations to communities to prevent wildfires, protect fish habitat, and fund roads and bridges

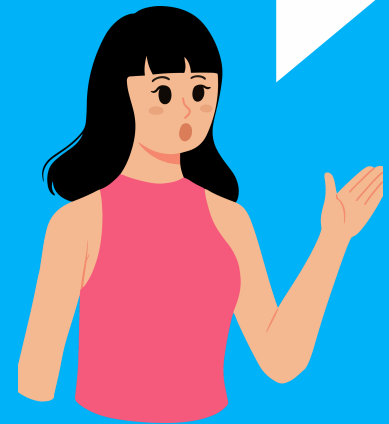


Opposed by an unprecedented coalition of over 400 organizations, including Tribal Nations, unions, environmental groups, and businesses



No on 2117 Messaging

I-2117 is a threat to our air, land and water - putting our health at risk and resulting in more adults and kids suffering with asthma and illness. I-2117 would jeopardize vital protections for our waterways, mean more toxic pollution in the air we breathe, gut programs that protect our communities from wildfires, and eliminate efforts to support salmon recovery and fish habitat.



I-2117 threatens the safe, reliable functioning of our entire transportation system. It would cut one-third of funding for our state's already stretched transportation plan, making traffic congestion worse and commutes even longer.



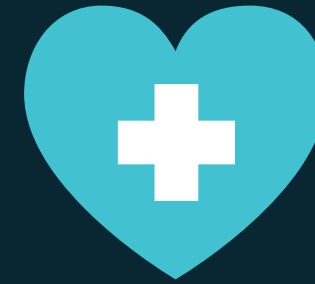
But won't it lower prices?

Nothing in Initiative 2117 guarantees lower prices. The only guarantee is that this law would allow more pollution and increase transportation costs by cutting funding for critical projects.



Initiative 2124

Dismantles Washington's long-term care insurance program, even though it is deceptively framed as an opt in/opt out



Hurts women, who are 73% more likely than men to permanently leave their job due to caregiving demands



Leaves us to the whims of private insurance companies that can raise rates without warning and deny those with pre-existing conditions



VOTE **NO**
ON **I-2124**

No on 2124 - Messaging details

I-2124 hurts women the most. I-2124 will cause more people, mostly women, to leave their jobs to provide unpaid care for loved ones with disabilities, or who are sick or aging, by shutting down Washington's long-term insurance program for **3.9 million working Washingtonians**.



I-2124 increases our costs while boosting big insurance company profits. It will increase our out of pocket costs and leave us at the mercy of big insurance, which can jack up premiums without warning, delaying and denying claims, and discriminates against women by charging them higher prices.



But it just gives people a choice!

I-2124 is deceptively written to sound reasonable. **The truth is the actual impact would be to bankrupt Washington's long term care insurance program, taking away care benefits from nearly 4 million people.**



VOTE **NO**
ON **I-2124**

Initiative 2109

NO
I-2109

Repeals Washington's capital gains excise tax, slashing childcare and education funding by over \$2.2 billion over 5 years



Shifts costs from multimillionaires and billionaires to families by giving a tax cut to the 4,000 wealthiest households in Washington.



Does nothing to benefit retirement accounts, home sales, and small businesses that are already exempt from the tax.



No on 2109 - Messaging details

I-2109 is a special tax break for a handful of super-wealthy people, fewer than 4,000, mostly in King County. The initiative gives them a tax break while **cutting \$2.2B in early learning and education funding** over the next 5 years.



I-2109 hurts frontline workers - from grocery workers to nurses - who are already in a childcare crisis, by cutting billions from affordable childcare.



99.8% of people don't pay the tax because it excludes retirement accounts and home sales, and has other exemptions for middle-class people.

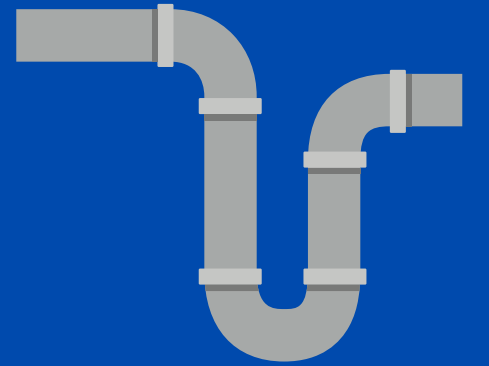
It's going to apply to me though, eventually!

NO
I-2109



Initiative 2066

Repeals smart planning laws that allow utilities to plan for a mix of energy sources, **driving up energy costs for everyone**



Is deceptive and poorly written, taking power away from local authorities to make energy use more efficient

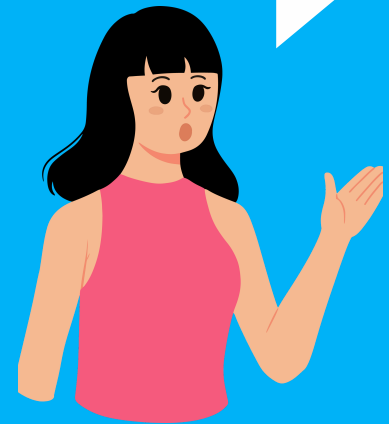


Makes it harder to transition to clean, cheaper energy as the cost of renewables continues to decline



No on 2066 Messaging

Voting NO will make energy more affordable, protecting all residents - including renters, seniors, and low-income families. Vote no to stop more expensive energy bills and higher costs.



This initiative will undo efforts to keep our state on a path to cleaner, healthier energy. Voting no means we will continue to transition to cleaner energy in a way that keeps costs the lowest for longest.



Utility companies are required to provide the energy services you currently use and nothing in state law changes that. Voting NO on I-2066 simply means that clean energy sources are encouraged in new construction, lowering energy costs for all of us over time.



I like my gas stove!

Join the fight against all four dangerous and deceptive initiatives!

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