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Initiative 2117 (I-2117) would repeal the Climate Commitment Act, which collects fees on pollution from the largest polluters (big oil companies and a few industrial sites) and applies this money to protect our air and water, protect farmland and forests, invest in energy efficiency, help low-income households with energy bills, and make sensible transportation investments. Future generations need us to do our part to address the climate crisis. Vote **NO!**

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Initiative 2066 (I-2066) is a broad attack on clean energy, energy efficiency, and lower energy bills. State law requires electrification of buildings proceed in a way that does not leave current gas customers with escalating bills. This initiative weakens this law and attacks state energy efficiency codes that have lowered energy use in buildings over 30% in the last two decades. I-2066 also undermines local community decision-making to develop climate resilient buildings. If you want healthy communities and affordable clean energy, you should Vote **NO!**

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Vote No on I-2109	Vote No on I-2117	Vote No on I-2124	Vote No on I-2066
Protect the Capital Gains Tax	Protect our Climate Commitment Act	Protect Washington Cares	Protect our Clean Energy Transition
I-2109 would repeal the capital gains tax that only applies to people making over \$250,000 per year from stocks & other investments	I-2117 would repeal the state Climate Commitment Act (CCA) which is helping Washington meet our climate goals and helping reduce energy waste.	I-2234 defunds the WA Cares program, ending assistance to people in needing skilled nursing or home care.	I-2066 rolls back Puget Sound Energy's ability to transition from natural gas to clean energy. It stifles efforts to lower energy costs and curb climate change.
Will eliminate \$5 billion from childcare and schools over 5 years. I-2109 is a tax break for 0.2% of WA's wealthiest multi-millionaires. 99.8% of WA residents do not pay this tax. If you are not a multi-millionaire, chances are you will never pay this tax.	I-2117 is a tax cut for oil companies and other large polluters. The CCA funds tax credits for good paying jobs and cleaner energy installations of heat pumps and solar panels. The CCA funds transportation, including clean-energy ferries and bus passes for riders under 18 yrs old.	Like Medicare and Social Security, the WA Cares fund is a support program for WA workers. It covers short-term home care and paid house-hold caregiver costs. The WA Cares fund can be used if you are out of state and is a lifeline for the middle class.	Buildings are the 2 nd highest source of carbon pollution in WA. Natural gas causes indoor air pollution & health problems, especially for children. State Building Codes do not prohibit gas use in new buildings . I-2066 undermines local community decision-making to develop climate-resilient buildings.

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