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The Honorable Sam Reed ATTN: Carolyn Berger Initiative Supervisor PO Box 40220 Olympia, WA 98504-0220

Re: Initiative No. 1119

Dear Mr. Reed:

Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.060, we supply herewith the ballot title and ballot measure summary for Initiative No. 1119 to the People (an act relating to public assistance eligibility requirements).

## **BALLOT TITLE**

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1119 concerns public assistance for non-United States citizens.

<u>Concise Description</u>: This measure would prohibit Washington from providing public assistance, as defined, to all non-United States citizens, including persons legally residing in the United States, and authorize fraud prosecution for falsifying public assistance applications.

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

## **BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY**

This measure would prohibit the state from providing public assistance to non-United States citizens, including persons legally residing in the United States. The prohibited assistance includes, but is not limited to, food assistance, medical care, work relief, and disability lifeline benefits. It would only allow state provision of refugee cash assistance, and alcoholism and drug addiction treatment. Falsifying applications could be prosecuted, and using false social security numbers could be reported to the federal government.

Sincerely,

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