

2024 Ballot Initiative Recommendations

The Faith Action Network is a statewide, multifaith partnership of 169 faith communities and thousands of individuals striving for just, compassionate, and sustainable communities through courageous advocacy and public action. We are Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Quaker, Sikh, Unitarian Universalist and people of faith and conscience.

Our recommendation to Vote NO on all three initiatives is grounded in our values, which include: Belonging, Justice & Equity, Interconnectedness, Collaboration, and Pluralism. These emerge from the heart of our diverse traditions, texts, and practices that call us to love and care for our neighbors and the earth.

For these initiatives, we especially draw on our commitment to seek **Justice and Equity**, enabling all people and communities to have the resources and opportunities to live a full and meaningful life. We also are called to **Interconnectedness**, cherishing and respecting the interdependent web of all existence, and supporting actions and policies that promote resilience, sustainability and environmental justice.

The initiatives threaten investments in education, childcare, a sustainable environment, healthy communities, long-term care, and more. They threaten decades of our work to make Washington state more sustainable and equitable.

NO I-2109

I-2109 would repeal an excise tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000.

For more info go to no2109.org.

If the Initiative passes it would:

- Make our school funding crisis worse by taking away nearly \$900 million every year from childcare, early learning, K-12 education, special education, technical and community colleges, and school construction.
- Repeal a modest 7% capital gains tax on only the wealthiest Washingtonians for profits over \$250,000 on stocks and bonds.
- Put more pressure on the rest of us to make up the difference through property and sales taxes.
- Hurt frontline workers and impact small businesses, by cutting affordable childcare options for working families. Washington businesses lose over \$2 billion each year due to employees' lack of access to child care.





Initiative 2117 would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation (the Climate Commitment Act) establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For more info go to no2117.com

If the Initiative passes it would:

- Devastate billions in funding that protects our water, farmlands and forests, air quality, clean transportation and school health improvements for us and our children. End the program of free transit passes for youth 17 and under.
- Cancel the 35-40% of statewide investments that improve health and energy efficiency for overburdened, low-income households and communities, as well as the 10%+ being directed to Tribal projects.
- Take away a significant tool for slowing life-threatening climate change and ending pollution.
- Shift the burden of paying for the impacts of pollution from big industries responsible for carbon emissions onto communities, workers, and families.

Join with 400+ environmental and community organizations, labor unions, tribes, small businesses and leading companies to vote NO.



I-2124 would provide that employees and self-employed people must elect to keep coverage under RCW 50B.04 and could opt-out any time. It would repeal a law governing an exemption for employees.

For more info go to noon2124.org

If the Initiative passes it would:

- Remove an estimated \$8.1 billion from our long-term care benefits program, forcing premium hikes, and quickly bankrupting the program for everyone.
- Hurt women the most by forcing more people to provide unpaid care by eliminating Washington's long-term care benefits fund for 3.5 million working Washingtonians. Women are more likely to permanently leave jobs and 5 times more likely to work part time due to caregiving demands.
- Harm people with pre-existing conditions, like cancer or diabetes, by taking away the only long-term care benefit available to them – since they can't get private long-term care insurance and Medicare doesn't cover long-term care.
- Send millions of older adults and families into medical debt to pay for expensive long-term care and expensive private insurance premiums they can't afford.



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