

2024 Ballot Initiative Recommendations

The Faith Action Network is a statewide, multifaith partnership of 169 faith communities and thousands of individuals striving for a just, compassionate, and sustainable Washington through courageous advocacy and public action.

Our recommendation to Vote NO on all four ballot initiatives is grounded in our values, which emerge from the heart of our diverse traditions, texts, and practices that call us to love and care for our neighbors and the earth. Our position on the initiatives is especially rooted in our commitments to seek **Justice and Equity**--enabling all people and communities to have the resources and opportunities to live a full and meaningful life--and to honor our **Interconnectedness** by supporting actions and policies that promote resilience, sustainability and environmental justice.

The four initiatives jeopardize investments in our children's education and childcare, clean air and water, healthy communities, long-term care as we age, and more. They threaten decades of our work to make Washington state more sustainable and equitable.



I-2066 would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

For more information, go to: <https://no2066.org/>

If Initiative 2066 passes it would:

- Delay and complicate the transition toward cleaner and more efficient energy, which we need to meet state climate pledges and avoid the worst harms of climate change.
- Continue significant reliance on natural gas (90% methane) which creates health hazards and air pollution.
- Increase energy bills for everyone by requiring utility companies to continue investing in outdated and inefficient infrastructure. This especially impacts low-income communities without disposable income to purchase the newest energy efficient technologies.
- Take power away from local communities and authorities to make plans to protect residents from pollution, promote energy efficiency, and reduce the use of fossil fuels.



Learn more at
fanwa.org/initiatives/



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 \$2.2 billion over the next 5 years from childcare, early learning, K-12 and 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 and volunteer opportunities, go to no2117.com

If the Initiative passes it would:

- Devastate billions in funding that protects our water, farmlands and forests, air quality, 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. Eliminate 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.



I-2124 would provide that employees and self-employed people must elect to keep coverage under RCW50B.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 3.5 million working Washingtonians.
- Hurt women by forcing more people to provide unpaid family care. 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 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 it.
- Send millions of older adults and families into medical debt to pay for expensive long-term care.