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VOTE "YES" TO APPROVE R-67!!!

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Referendum 67, which addresses consumer rights and insurance companies, will be on the ballot in November. The Insurance Fair Conduct Act was passed by the legislature in 2007 and signed by Governor Gregoire. The insurance industry and its paid signature gatherers challenged the new law, and it is now a ballot issue in the upcoming election. Graham Lundberg & Peschel encourages its clients and friends to vote YES on Referendum 67.

Referendum 67 requires insurance companies to pay legitimate claims in a timely manner and holds them accountable if they do not. When people buy insurance and pay their premiums on time, all they ask in return is that the insurance companies honor their commitments to policyholders. If voters approve Referendum 67 in November, the insurance industry will have an incentive to deal with policyholders honestly. Referendum 67 covers claims related to homeowners insurance, auto insurance, long-term care insurance, property insurance, and small business insurance.

The coalition in support of the Approve 67 campaign continues to grow. Recently, the Washington Education Association (WEA), the Washington State Council of Firefighters and the Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans have all joined in the effort to get Referendum 67 approved. The Approve 67 campaign released this updated list of endorsements from local and national organizations that have pledged to support the campaign:

- ❖ Carpenters Union #1797
- ❖ Center for Justice and Democracy
- ❖ Foundation for Taxpayer & Consumer Rights
- ❖ International Association of Machinists #751
- ❖ Joint Council of Teamsters #28
- ❖ Mental Health Association of Washington
- ❖ National Alliance of Mental Illness – Greater Seattle
- ❖ Northwest Federation of Community Organizations
- ❖ Public Citizen
- ❖ Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans

- ❖ Retired Public Employees Council of Washington
- ❖ Service Employees International Union – State Council
- ❖ United Food and Commercial Workers
- ❖ WashPIRG (WA Public Interest Research Group)
- ❖ Washington Community Action Network
- ❖ Washington Education Association
- ❖ Washington Federation of State Employees (AFSCME)
- ❖ Washington State Building & Construction Trades Council
- ❖ Washington State Chiropractic Association
- ❖ Washington State Council of Firefighters
- ❖ Washington State Democratic Party
- ❖ Washington State Labor Council (AFL-CIO)
- ❖ Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby
- ❖ Washington State Trial Lawyers Association

The insurance industry, deceptively encouraging voters to reject Referendum 67 under the name of "Consumers Against Higher Insurance Rates," has raised over \$7 million, most directly from the insurance companies for its "Reject 67" campaign. Its aim is to mislead and confuse voters by using a phony name, creating a phony website, and flooding television with false and derogatory ads. It is clear that insurance companies don't want to be forced to deal with consumers in Washington in a fair and timely manner.

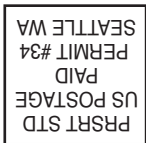
Furthermore, Washington's Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) receives more than 4,000 complaints each year regarding insurance industry practices designed to reject legitimate claims, including claims from homeowners, property owners, small business owners and injured citizens. However, the OIC does not have the legal authority to represent individuals in disputes with their insurance companies. Passing Referendum 67 would give citizens and consumers a level playing field with the big insurance companies.

Visit www.Approve67.org for more information or to donate to the campaign and vote YES to Approve Referendum 67 on the November ballot.

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