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SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

AN INITIATIVE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

1. Whereas the State of Washington wastes tens of millions of dollars a year in taxpayer funds senselessly prosecuting responsible citizens of Washington State for use, possession and cultivation of marijuana, a benign therapeutic substance, and whereas citizens of the state face arrest, prosecution and loss of rights including property, employment and education for use of marijuana; and,
2. Whereas the State of Washington's medical marijuana law, enacted by the People in 1998, has proven ineffective at protecting the rights of citizens of Washington State; and,
3. Whereas Washington State farmers and landowners are prohibited from growing industrial hemp on their land, denying them the ability to grow a valuable, environmentally friendly crop; and,
4. Whereas the State Legislature has proven ineffective at offering appropriate legal remedies to the citizens of the State of Washington:

The People of the State of Washington hereby repeal any and all criminal penalties for the adult use, possession, possession with intent to deliver, delivery and manufacture/cultivation of marijuana.

The intended effect is to remove all criminal penalties relating to the above-enumerated crimes and their penalties.

Specifically, the People of the State of Washington call for the following changes to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW):

Repeal and delete RCW 69.50.4014.

Amend RCW 69.50.401 (2)(c) to specifically exclude marijuana.

Amend RCW 69.50.4013 to specifically exclude marijuana.

Amend RCW 9.94A.517 to specifically exclude marijuana from the drug offense sentencing grid (Table 3).

Amend RCW 9.94A.518 to specifically exclude marijuana from the drug offenses seriousness level (Table 4).

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