

# Cast Your Vote, Washington!



## Short version

## Why vote NO on I-2117

Initiative 2117 ends current protections against pollution, eliminates investments across the state, and removes incentives for polluters to make a just transition to cleaner energy sources. Overburdened communities would again be subject to deepening health and toxicity burdens by removing dedicated funding to make real changes.

**A wide and growing community coalition opposes I-2117, including people of faith and conscience, who share values for environmental justice to protect vulnerable communities and be responsible caretakers for our common home.**



## More Details: ([bit.ly/CastYourVoteWA](http://bit.ly/CastYourVoteWA))

Initiative 2117 would stop Washington's landmark law (the Climate Commitment Act) to limit harmful emissions and prevent similar laws in the future. In its first year, the cap-and-invest law raised \$2 billion, directed toward transportation, clean air, renewable energy, conservation, and emissions reductions efforts with dollars allocated for every county across Washington state.

**Initiative 2117 is hazardous to our health and goes against faith-rooted and conscience-led priorities to protect the vulnerable because I-2117:**

- Shifts the burden of paying for the impacts of pollution to communities, workers, and families,
- Removes the people's ability to call for similarly protective laws in the future,
- Stops investments across the state to improve indoor and outdoor air quality for schools and homes, improve transportation, help fish passage, develop renewable energy, and reduce emissions for cleaner air, and
- It is a misleading initiative that will do nothing to reduce costs. So many working families are struggling with the cost of living in Washington, and this initiative will only lead to costly consequences. **Those expecting big changes in their costs by passing 2117 are being misled.**

**If 2117 is DEFEATED, Washington state would continue to serve Washingtonians with a long-term strategy for community health and safety for our wild and tended living world.**

## Voting No on 2117 means:

- Protection of programs to improve the HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES, especially in frontline and overburdened communities, by reducing toxic air and water pollution,
- Increased sustainability and RESILIENCE of forests to wildfire by supporting local conservation efforts,
- Funding access to high-efficiency home heating for low- and moderate-income households to SAVE MONEY on their monthly bills,
- Developing clean energy projects, like solar and wind, which CREATE JOBS across our economy, and MORE!

**Earth Ministry/WA IPL is proud to be part of a growing coalition of over 400 organizations across WA to oppose 2117.**