



**Resolution to endorse Initiative I-1436, allowing participation in Washington's Long-Term Care program to be optional.**

**Whereas**, the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) has consistently supported initiatives that make it tougher to raise taxes; and

**Whereas**, starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, the state will tax hard working Washingtonians hundreds of dollars each year for a program that will provide little or nothing in return; and

**Whereas**, Washington's mandatory Long-Term Care tax is nothing more than a cleverly disguised income tax that will hurt Employers' ability to compete in today's complex labor market; and

**Whereas**, I-1436 allows employees to opt in -- **or opt out** -- of participating in the new long-term care tax at any time, putting the choice of providing the employee's future needs into their own hands - not the government's;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the WSRP endorses the new Initiative I-1436 and calls on voters across the state of Washington to sign petitions and gather signatures and mail petitions by December 23, 2021; and

**Be it further resolved** that the WSRP will make a concerted effort to help qualify the initiative for the November 2022 ballot and use its qualification and passage as a rallying cry to vote Republican in 2023 and 2024.