

Dear Draft Committee,

Please ensure the ballot title and explanatory statements are neutral.

I received an unbelievable letter published by Ben Unger stating “Roll back healthcare for 350,000: As attacks on healthcare escalate at the national level, **Oregon leaders acted this year to** protect coverage and **reduce premiums** for half a million Oregonians. Referendum 301 would undo all that, repealing key pieces of the Oregon Healthcare Protections bill and throwing our state’s healthcare system into chaos.”

The purpose of IRR 301 is to remove the 1.5% tax on healthcare premiums imposed by the Oregon legislature in HB 2391-B. A 1.5% tax on healthcare premiums is an INCREASE on healthcare premiums, NOT a reduction. Please ensure your ballot title and explanatory statement do not use twisted logic or misrepresent the truth as Ben Unger has.

It is essential to note that passage of IRR 301 will reduce healthcare premiums by 1.5% across the entire state of Oregon, except for those who were exempted from the tax.

Thank you,  
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