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To: Our thousands of supporters throughout the state (cc'd to the media, house & senate members, and Governor)

From: **Our Expanded Team of co-sponsors for this year's initiative: Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, Mike Fagan, Mike Dunmire, Senator Don Benton, Senator Janea Holmquist, Erma Turner, Nancy Nelson, Dagny Lord, Keli Carender, Senator Pam Roach, Rep. Matt Shea, John Ahern & Ken Morse**, ph: 425-493-9127, email: tim_eyman@comcast.net, <http://www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com> (go to our website to do a secure donation by VISA/Mastercard/PayPal or print out the form below, fill it out, and return it with a check or money order or credit card information)

RE: Big Labor's threat to stop bribing Democrats is the only thing pushing tax-hiking kamikaze mission

In Gregoire' State of the State Address this week, she acknowledged obvious reality: "*Jobs are the way out of this recession.*" And she admits, BY PROPOSING TO CUT TAXES TO INCENTIVIZE JOB CREATION, that the reverse is true: that raising taxes kills jobs.

Everyone knows that it's completely nuts to raise taxes in the middle of a recession -- it'll only make things worse ... worse for job-creation, worse for struggling taxpayers, worse for the state's fragile economy, and yes, worse for the state's budget.

Democrats know it too. Not just Gregoire, but all of them do. So what explains their crazy kamikaze mission to raise taxes? Here's the reason:

STATE DEMOCRATS FACING REVOLT BY LABOR

By Andrew Garber, Seattle Times, Wednesday, November 11, 2009

State Democratic lawmakers have a revolt on their hands among major labor groups that provide the party crucial support during elections. The Washington State Labor Council, the Service Employees International Union and unions representing teachers and state workers have either stopped or sharply reduced donations to Democratic caucus political-action committees that back candidates for the state House and Senate. "I think the labor movement is more serious about withholding support from Democratic candidates this year than I have seen in my 30 years in politics," said Dwight Pelz, chairman of the state Democratic Party. There's even talk of trying to defeat some Democratic incumbents if they don't support issues important to labor in the next legislative session -- such as raising taxes to help close a growing budget shortfall.

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All of this puts Democrats in a tough spot. Raising taxes in an election year is politically risky. But so is alienating the party's base. Democrats currently control the House, the Senate and the governor's office. Labor groups typically donate several hundred thousand dollars a year to the Democratic caucus PACs, controlled by House and Senate leaders, and provide volunteers to staff phone banks and campaign door to door. But this year, labor donations are a fraction of years past.

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Labor groups are unhappy with lawmakers for not raising taxes to help close the \$9 billion budget shortfall earlier this year.

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The next legislative session will be key, they said, to labor support in the 2010 election. A big issue will be how the Democrats close a shortfall approaching \$2 billion in the current state budget. Democratic lawmakers who don't support a tax increase and fall short on other labor issues could find themselves without union support. Or even become a target.

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In the upcoming legislative session "there are people who will have to get off a fence this year and grow some

courage," said David Rolf, president of Service Employees International Union Local 775.

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They're under strict orders: either raise taxes or their Big Labor backers will stop bribing them.

This is big money buying bad policy.

They shouldn't do it. But it explains why they're doing it. And it's the reason they want to gut I-960 which requires 2/3's super-majority votes for them to raise taxes.

The voters have voted 3 times for that protection and it's needed now more than ever.

We need your help to get this signature drive started -- petitions won't be available until February -- until then, we've gotta raise the funds necessary to do our first post office mailing to everyone on our database (26,000 supporters) to give them a chance to help. We've got to get ready by marshalling our resources NOW.

This is the most effective counter-offensive to Gregoire's arrogant tax-raising agenda. Help make it happen. FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Regards, **Our Expanded Team of co-sponsors for this year's initiative: Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, Mike Fagan, Mike Dunmire, Senator Don Benton, Senator Janea Holmquist, Erma Turner, Nancy Nelson, Dagny Lord, Keli Carender, Senator Pam Roach, Rep. Matt Shea, John Ahern & Ken Morse**, ph: 425-493-9127, email: tim_eyman@comcast.net, <http://www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com> (go to our website to do a secure donation by VISA/Mastercard/PayPal or print out the form below, fill it out, and return it with a check or money order or credit card information)

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