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IRON WORKERS DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPPOSE WASHINGTON STATE INITIATIVE 1631

The carbon emission fee is a threat to local jobs and will discourage new businesses from operating in Washington

Seattle, Wash. – September, 26 2018 – In an effort to preserve jobs in the local industrial and construction industries, The Iron Workers District Council of the Pacific Northwest has announced their firm opposition to Washington State Initiative 1631.

“As the head of a council that represents over 9,000 iron workers, it’s my responsibility to protect the jobs of all our members,” said Council President, Steve Pendergrass. “These jobs offer fair pay and provide much needed benefits to our workers and their families. That is why I must speak out against I-1631, an initiative that puts those jobs in jeopardy.”

I-1631 is a threat to good paying jobs and future job growth in our state

Pendergrass referenced a growing concern amongst leaders in the building trades that the current political climate in King County and Washington State is growing too burdensome on both large companies and small business. He also noted, that if passed, I-1631 would lead to the elimination of many jobs while also deterring other organizations from doing business in the state. “We are seriously concerned about any initiative that will harm the steady employment we’re currently enjoying across the state,” he said. “Now is not the time to be putting good paying jobs at risk. We should instead be taking full advantage of our area’s growth and prosperity.”

We need a solution to carbon emissions that protects local businesses – I-1631 falls short

Pendergrass made clear that the Iron Workers want to see steps taken to combat carbon pollution. “We understand the weight of this issue,” continued Pendergrass. “but any initiative put to a vote needs to include input from the local business community and include safeguards to protect working-class employment. We urge the voters of Washington to vote ‘No’ on I-1631, and to push for a better way.”

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About the Iron Workers District Council of the Pacific Northwest:

The Iron Workers District Council of the Pacific Northwest (IWDCPNW) is an organization built on the heritage of the career iron worker and dedication to excellence in performance of the trade. IWDCPNW represents the pride of a craft worker, strong families and healthy communities. IWDCPNW serves over 9,000 members in the region and includes the members of Iron Workers Local 86, Seattle, WA; Iron Workers Shopmens Local 506, Seattle, WA; Iron Workers Local 14, Spokane, WA; Iron Workers Local 27, Salt Lake City, UT; Iron Workers Local 29, Portland, OR; Iron Workers Local 732, Pocatello, ID; Iron Workers Local 751, Anchorage, AK; and Iron Workers Shopmens Local 516, Portland, OR.