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Members of the Ballot Simplification Committee,

This request for reconsideration is regarding the measure "Changes to Business Taxes."

Thank you for your hard work on simplifying this complex ballot measure in order to ensure voters have clarity on what they are voting on. As a concerned voter, I have some suggestions that I would like you to consider in order to make the digest for this measure more clear.

- 1. In "The Proposal", there is text that reads "exempt most small businesses with gross receipts up to \$5 million". I believe this should solely read, "exempt most businesses with gross receipts up to \$5 million". What makes a business "small" is subjective and not a determination that should be included in the digest. This could be confusing as well because many voters may not think of a small business as one earning, say, \$4.5 million a year. Although the text of the measure refers to businesses earning under \$5 million in gross receipts in a year as a "small business enterprise," there is no factor other than the amount of annual gross receipts that is included in that definition.
- 2. Under "The Proposal", in the bullet point regarding the overpaid executive tax, the text reads "...and set the rates between 0.02% and 0.129%." The rates of this tax would only be decreased by this measure. I believe the text should read "...and decrease the rates to between 0.02% and 0.129%" to clarify for voters the direction of the proposed change.
- 3. This measure contains a gross receipts tax credit for lessees of qualified buildings who require at least 100 employees to the building. I believe this is not as simple as an "administrative change" and should be called out specifically so that voters will know about it. I would suggest adding an additional bullet point under "The Proposal" which reads, "Provide a gross receipts tax credit to businesses who lease certain buildings and require at least 100 employees to occupy the building."

Thank you for your consideration.

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