WORKING FAMILIES PROGRESSIVE BALLOT GUIDE
INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE 2018 BALLOT MEASURES

**YES on Amendment V (Lower Age to Run for Office)**
Lowers the age requirement for serving in the state legislature from 25 to 21 years old. CC-WFP believes this measure has the potential to increase civic engagement of young people, and that voters can judge whether a candidate possesses the maturity, ability, and competence to hold political office.

**YES on Amendment W (Reformat Judge Retention Questions)**
Changes the ballot format of Judge Retention Questions to make the ballot more concise and readable. While voters will still be able to vote on all judge retention questions, this measure makes long ballots more efficient and decreases printing and mailing costs.

**YES on Amendment X (Industrial Hemp)**
Removes the definition of industrial hemp from the Colorado Constitution and instead requires that industrial hemp have the same definition as in federal law. Industrial hemp is not intoxicating and is used to produce building materials, fuel, paper, rope, textiles and other products. This measure allows Colorado farmers to stay competitive in the production of this agricultural commodity.

**YES on Amendment A (Slavery Out of State Constitution)**
Removes language in the Colorado Constitution that allows slavery or involuntary servitude for people convicted of a crime. This measure does not affect any current programs for incarcerated inmates or offenders. This measure cleans up old language in our constitution.

**YES on Amendments Y&Z (Redistricting)**
Creates independent commissions for congressional and legislative redistricting. These commissions will contain 4 Republicans, 4 Democrats, and 4 Unaffiliated. These measures require nonpartisan legislative staff to draw district maps, and a map s approval requires a supermajority vote of the commission, including, at least two unaffiliated commissioners. The measure also stops redistricting from being controlled by requiring public input. This measure will help avoid gerrymandering and partisanship in the drawing of district maps.

**NO on Amendment 73 (Education Funding)**
Generates $1.6 billion statewide for PreK-12 public education by increasing property taxes for people earning above $150,000 per year. The measure could help Colorado close to the national average for pupil spending. This funding is desperately needed to address teacher shortages and avoid further moves to four-day school weeks.

**NO on Amendment 74 (Unlimited Litigation Against Government)**
Amends the state constitution to require that property owners be compensated for any reduction in property value caused by state laws or regulations. Colorado already has laws for to ensure property owners are compensated when their property is damaged or utilized for public purposes (like roads or other infrastructure) and to evaluate fair compensation. This measure recklessly expands the ability of property owners to sue the government for ANY loss of value, even if the property can be used for other profitable purposes. Similar measures in other states have resulted in billions of dollars of frivolous lawsuits against state and local governments and were overturned by voters. This measure would flood Colorado courts with lawsuits and undermine efforts to enforce civil rights, workers rights, and environmental protections.

**NO on Amendment 75 (Increase Campaign Contribution Limits)**
Increases campaign contribution limits to five times higher in races where there is a candidate who loans or donates $1 million to their own campaign (including the millionaire candidate). This deceptive measure looks like campaign finance reform, but would actually INCREASE the influence of wealthy donors in Colorado elections. Big money in elections is a big problem, but allowing even more money in elections is not the solution.

**NO on Proposition 109 (Highway Funding)**
Requires the state to borrow $3.5 billion in 2019 to fund certain highway projects. Since there is no revenue source for this bond (loan), the state will have to cut money from vital services like health care and education to pay the loan back over 20 years for a total of $5.2 billion. This is a fiscally irresponsible way to address transportation needs.

**NO on Proposition 110 (Transportation Funding Sales Tax)**
Increases the state’s sales tax rate from 2.9% to 3.52% to fund transportation projects like highways, roads, and transit. We agree that Colorado needs transportation funding and that this measure is better than Prop 109, but this sales tax disproportionately affects working class and low-income people.

**YES on Proposition 111 (Payday Lending Reform)**
Closes the loophole that allows payday lenders to charge more than 200% interest. Requires payday lenders to abide by the same interest rate rules and fees as other lenders and banks in Colorado. Payday lenders successfully lobbied for their loophole in the late 1990’s, but now it’s time to stop their predatory lending practices.

**YES on Proposition 112 (Oil & Gas Drilling Setbacks)**
Requires new oil and gas drilling, including fracking, be a minimum distance of 2,500 feet from occupied buildings, schools, public outdoor spaces, and water sources. Colorado has seen a large increase in fracking near people, wildlife, and water sources. This increase in fracking has had negative impacts on health, safety, and the environment. This measure will encourage Colorado to grow its green energy economy and invest in green jobs by limiting oil and gas drilling.

**YES on Denver Referred QUESTION 2E (Campaign Finance Reform)**
Limits campaign contribution limits to be in line with state limits, bans corporations from contributing directly to candidates, and creates a 9-to-1 small donor matching fund (Fair Elections Fund). This measure helps balance our democracy by incentivizing small donations under $50 rather than large donations from corporations and the wealthy.

**VOTE BY MAIL OR IN PERSON BY NOVEMBER 6, 2018**
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