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Sean—

This proposed rule change makes sense to me and the WAGOP staff. Slate cards are a good and long-standing tool for getting election information to the general public. They are generally “pro” in tone and focus, rather than negative. Including information about initiatives, referenda or other ballot propositions is consistent with this tradition. WAGOP would keep ballot proposition information on its slate cards positive. We encourage all political parties to do the same.

All best—

Jim Walsh, Chairman

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I am following up to check if the WSRP would like to provide a statement or position to the Commission on consideration of the proposed draft rule change to allow inclusion of ballot propositions on exempt sample ballots/slate cards. The PDC staff has drafted a proposed rule for consideration, though the draft does not indicate the Commission’s position on the issue. The draft is posted on the PDC website [here](#).

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**From:** Flynn, Sean (PDC)  
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Matthew,

I am reaching out to provide notice and seek input from the Republican Party on a rulemaking petition the PDC received from the state Democrat Party. The petition was presented to the Commission at its April 24, 2025 meeting. The Commission agreed to consider the petition for possible rulemaking, and specifically asked staff to seek comments from the WSRP and other stakeholders. The Commission is planning to discuss this petition again at its next meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and would like to gather input before that meeting.

The purpose of the petition is to exempt funding of a political party's slate card from contribution limits where the slate card includes the party's position on a ballot proposition. Under the current rule, WAC 390-17-030, slate cards are not exempt from contribution limits if they include the party's position on a ballot measure. The rule has a long history and both major political parties had previously engaged the PDC as the rules were being developed. I am attaching the petition and related materials for background and context on this issue.

Please let me know if you are interested in providing comment, and if you have any questions. I am happy to discuss this issue and the APA rulemaking process with you.

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