



**WASHINGTON
COUNCIL
OF
POLICE &
SHERIFFS**

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SENT VIA EMAIL

October 1, 2018

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

Thank you for seeking the opinion of WACOPS regarding Washington's Initiative 1639.

The Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (WACOPS) is the state's largest and oldest law enforcement advocacy organization. We represent over 4,300 fully sworn, rank and file officers across our state. At our most recent membership meeting, members voted to oppose Initiative 1639. WACOPS believes that Initiative 1639 contains provisions that are in clear violation of both state and federal individual constitutional rights, which, as law enforcement officers, WACOPS members are sworn to uphold. In addition to the constitutional issues, this 30-page initiative, if passed, would impose significant restrictions on a citizen's ability to possess and access commonly owned firearms for lawful self-defense. The measure is complicated and confusing, and we don't believe it will result in good public policy or improved public safety.

Thank you for your attention. If there is anything further I can do, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Teresa Taylor
Executive Director