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Before the Colorado Ballot Title Setting Board

Suzanne Taheri and Michael Fields, Objector/Proponents

## MOTION FOR REHEARING ON INITIATIVE 2021-2022 #28

Suzanne Taheri and Michael Fields, registered electors of the State of Colorado and proponents of Initiative 2021-2022 #28 object to the Title Board's title and ballot title and submission clause set for Initiative 2021-2022, The Board met on April 21, 2021 to consider Initiative 2021-2022 #28 and set the following title:

A change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning government revenue, and, in connection therewith, reducing property tax revenue by an estimated \$1.03 billion in 2023 and by comparable amounts thereafter by reducing the residential property tax assessment rate from 7.15% to 6.5% and reducing the property tax assessment rate for all other property, excluding producing mines and lands or leaseholds producing oil or gas, from 29% to 26.4% and allowing the state to annually retain and spend up to \$25 million of excess state revenue, if any, for state fiscal years 2022-23 through 2026-27 as a voter-approved revenue change to offset lost revenue resulting from the property tax rate reductions.

The title set is misleading and fails to conform with the requirements of Colorado law.

- 1. The single subject is inaccurate. This is not a measure concerning "government revenue". It is a measure concerning a tax decrease.
- 2. "Reducing tax revenue by an estimated \$1.03 billion" is misleading. This number leads voters to believe revenue will be decreased when in fact revenue will increase with the new assessment formula passed by voters in 2020.
- 3. The title will lead to confusion. If the Board is going to use language similar to TABOR requirements then the question should begin, "Shall taxes be decreased by \$1.03 billion..."

WHEREFORE, Initiative #28 title should be corrected in compliance with Colorado law.

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

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