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Executive Director, Teresa Taylor responds to inquiry from Seattle Times regarding the implementation of Initiative 1639

“WACOPS is the largest law enforcement advocacy organization in Washington. We represent more than half of Washington’s rank and file police officers and sheriff’s deputies. We are by far the largest law enforcement membership organization with the longest history advocating for the safety, pensions, and collective bargaining rights of Washington’s peace officers.

As commissioned officers our members take an oath to uphold the constitution. As a result, they are staunch supporters of the 2nd Amendment. Like any regulations related to issues that impact the work of law enforcement we do not want a process that is confusing or risks making law abiding citizens into law breakers. That said, we have not participated in the debates regarding the centralized background checks other than to express concern that legal gun ownership should not be made more difficult by a system that is inefficient or inaccurate.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.”

Sincerely,
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