

## **Phonebanking Script**

Hi, my name is (Name) and (I'm a volunteer) calling to ask you to vote Yes on Initiative 732, which will fight climate change and protect our kids futures.

### **Q1. Have you voted yet and do you know about initiative 732?**

**Have voted:** Great, thanks for voting, and be sure to tell your friends to support I-732 if they haven't voted yet. Tomorrow is the last day to mail in ballots. (end call after their response and a thank you).

**Undecided and/or haven't voted yet:** Okay, well the world is warming at an increasing pace, with dangerous consequences like bigger forest fires and more childhood asthma, if we don't take action. Initiative 732 will reduce pollution and fight climate change while lowering taxes for all Washingtonians. It uses a proven model that makes polluters pay for their pollution and promotes clean energy. We have the moral responsibility to protect the environment for our kids, and I-732 is a fair and realistic solution. (Go to Q2)

### **Q2. Are you concerned about climate change and do you think you are leaning toward supporting I-732?**

(record responses - if someone seems very supportive of I-732, put a '5', if they are unsure, put a '3' if they are against I-732, 'put a 1')

### **Q3. Do you have your ballot and if not can I help you vote?**

If they don't know where their ballot is, direct them to their county elections office to file a lost ballot, which they can print out at home (for King County:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/replacing-a-ballot-or-envelope.aspx>) OR you can go into your local county elections office OR you can drop off

your ballot at a local ballot drop box: Find locations on your county elections website. In King County here it is:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/returning-my-ballot/ballot-drop-boxes.aspx> (go ahead and pull open this and help someone find a nearby one!)

**Stamps:** are recommended but not required.

FAQ on 732:

**Won't polluters just pay the fees and nothing will change?**

We expect 732 to reduce emissions 2-4% per year. Often, for utilities and big companies the choice between dirty and clean energy or more efficient technology come down to a small cost difference. Closing the carbon pollution loophole with a tax will actually make a difference. A similar policy in BC has reduced carbon fuel use 10-15%, and now it's our turn to start to protect the climate for future generations.

**I don't believe the sales tax will ever go down. How does that work?**

Since 732 this is an initiative, the sales tax cut is actually written into the law. If we pass 732 the sales tax cut will automatically become law in 2017.

**Isn't this going to increase gas prices on families?**

Gasoline uses carbon, and ultimately is a part of climate change, so we are honest about the fact that this policy may increase gas prices 10-20 cents per gallon, which is within the normal variation of gas prices already. The sales tax cut, saving the avg household \$200 per year, balances out any gas price changes for most people while still letting us reduce pollution now and for future generations.

**I heard this wasn't revenue neutral?**

I-732 balances out the new revenue coming from the carbon tax with tax rebates (like the sales tax reduction) so the state still has the same amount of money for things like schools and roads. Some opponents are spreading rumors of a deficit, but multiple analysis, including one from the Sightline institute, show that its not true. Regardless, we shouldn't let fear about a small budget discrepancy that the legislature can fix later stop us from putting into place a great policy to protect the air and climate.

**Who is supporting this measure?**

Two statewide environmental groups support I-732, Carbon Washington and the Audubon Society of Washington. We raise our own funds from mostly small donors, not special interests. We have over 20 endorsements from state legislators with bipartisan support, and the endorsement of newspapers like the Olympian and The Stranger.