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Resolution for Decriminalization of Imported Prescriptions

WHEREAS high prescription costs place a financial burden on low income residents in Washington State and mail order prescriptions from outside the US can have dramatically lower cost;

WHEREAS Canada has similar quality control over its prescription drugs as the US and in many instances is the same drug; and

WHEREAS Colorado (SB5), Florida (HB19), Maine (LD 1272) and Vermont (S175) have enacted legislation in 2018 – 2019 to allow importation of Canadian prescription drugs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats Central Committee call for the Washington State Legislature to enact legislation that would allow Washington residents to legally purchase their prescription drugs via mail order services from Canada for personal use; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution will be sent to the Washington State Governor and all Washington State legislators.

Submitted by the Mason County Democratic Central Committee to the WSDCC for consideration at its September 28, 2019 Meeting in Yakima. (Date Submitted 7/23/2019)

The Resolutions Committee reviewed and amended this resolution and recommended it be passed.