



I-2124 WILL INCREASE COSTS ON WOMEN & WORKING FAMILIES

I-2124 increases costs for working people, including nurses, teachers and firefighters, by **eliminating Washington's long-term care insurance program for 3.9 million people**. I-2124 will **send more people into debt** when faced with expensive long-term care bills and private insurance premiums they can't afford. And it will cause more people, mostly women, to leave their jobs to provide unpaid care for loved ones with disabilities, or who are sick or aging.

I-2124 HURTS WORKING WOMEN THE MOST

By ending our long-term care insurance program, I-2124 worsens the care crisis that's causing huge financial stress for women, who provide the vast majority of unpaid caregiving duties for loved ones without long-term care coverage. Women are **73%** more likely to permanently leave jobs and five times more likely to work only part-time due to caregiving demands.

"It was a shock when my mother had a stroke. I had to leave my career to care for her with no resources to help cover the expenses. I-2124 will put millions more into the same stressful, expensive situation."

-Christina Keys, Vancouver WA

I-2124 WILL INCREASE COSTS AND SEND MORE PEOPLE INTO DEBT

If it passes, more people will be faced with expensive long-term care bills and private insurance premiums they can't afford. Middle and low income families are least able to afford private long term care insurance or to pay out of pocket for care, especially because the vast majority of people have less than \$5,000 in savings.

I-2124 WILL THROW US BACK INTO THE EXPENSIVE INSURANCE MARKET

Private insurance routinely jacks up premiums by 50%, 100%, even 300% without warning, and delays and denies claims. I-2124 leaves out people with cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure and other pre-existing conditions - about 57% of us over 50 - because they cannot get private insurance, even if they can afford the expensive premiums.

