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Via Regular U.S. Mail and E-mail

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Re: Petition for Initiated Constitutional Amendment to Amend Article V, Sections 1. 2 and 6 of the Ohio Constitution – “Ohio Voters Bill of Rights” – Submitted on January 16, 2024.

Dear Mr. McTigue,

In accordance with *State ex rel. Dudley v. Yost*, Slip Opinion No. 2024-Ohio-5166, I have reexamined the summary of Relators’ proposed amendment, which was previously submitted to my office on January 16, 2024.

It is my statutory duty to determine whether the submitted summary is a “fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” ORC Section 3519.01(A). If I conclude that the summary is fair and truthful, I am to certify it as such within ten days of the *Dudley* decision. In this instance, the tenth day falls on November 9, 2024.

Having examined the submission, I conclude that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed constitutional amendment. I therefore submitted the following certification to the Ohio Secretary of State:

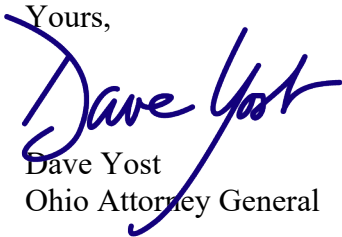
Without passing on the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General’s Office under Section 3519.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed constitutional amendment.

My certification of the summary under Section 3519.01(A) should not be construed as an affirmation of the enforceability and constitutionality of the proposed amendment. My role, as executed here, is limited to determining whether the wording of the summary properly advises potential petition signers of a measure’s material components.

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The fact that the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio concludes the relevant statute does not grant me authority to review the title does not change my determination that it is misleading. The Court did not reach a decision on the merits of that determination. I stand by it. I urge you to consider a more accurate and less misleading title.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The word "Dave" is written in a larger, more prominent script than "Yost".

Dave Yost
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Cc: Committee to Represent the Petitioners