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April 3, 2012

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Ohio Ballot Board
c/o Hon. Jon Husted
180 East Broad Street, 15th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: **Submitted Proposed Initiated Constitutional Amendment to repeal and replace Section 11 of Article XV of the Ohio Constitution, The Freedom to Marry and Religious Freedom Amendment**

Dear Jon:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, a written petition bearing a copy of a proposed initiated constitutional amendment to Article XV, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution was submitted to this office for examination, together with a summary of the proposed amendment, on March 26, 2012.

It is my statutory duty to determine whether the submitted summary of the proposed amendment “is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” *Id.* If the summary is fair and truthful, then I am to “so certify and then forward the submitted petition to the Ohio ballot board for its approval.” *Id.* I must also verify with county boards of election that signatures accompanying the petition total at least 1,000 registered voters. By statute, I am required to perform these duties within ten days of receiving the petition. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

Having received verification that the submission was accompanied by more than 1,000 valid signatures, and having considered the language of the initiated constitutional amendment and its summary, I conclude that the summary is fair and truthful. I now forward the proposal to you in your capacity as Chair of the Ballot Board for consideration under Revised Code Section 3505.062, certifying to the Ohio Ballot Board as follows:

Without passing upon 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(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Once the Ballot Board meets pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3505.062, I will forward its certification(s) to you in accordance with my statutory duties.

Very respectfully yours,



Mike DeWine
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Enclosure: Submission Text and Summary

cc: Betsy Luper Schuster, General Counsel, Secretary of State (*by email*)



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VIA U.S. MAIL & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Jennifer Stack
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Re: **Submitted Proposed Initiated Constitutional Amendment
to repeal and replace Section 11 of Article XV of the Ohio Constitution,
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Dear Jennifer:

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Very respectfully yours,



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Enclosure: Tally Sheet of Signatures by County

cc: Committee to Represent the Petitioners

Andrew J. Murphy
786 Eddystone Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43224

Julie A. Driscoll
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Columbus, Ohio 43212

Ben T. Deuschle
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Signatures by County Freedom to Marry & Religious Freedom Amendment			
County	Part Petitions	Valid Signatures	Invalid Signatures
Allen County Board of Elections	1	1	1
Ashland County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Ashtabula County Board of Elections	2	1	1
Athens County Board of Elections	1	0	1
Auglaize County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Belmont County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Butler County Board of Elections	4	3	3
Champaign County Board of Elections	1	0	1
Clark County Board of Elections	3	5	0
Clermont County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Clinton County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Columbiana County Board of Elections	2	1	1
Coshocton County Board of Elections	1	2	0
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections	20	170	83
Darke County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Delaware County Board of Elections	15	42	23
Erie County Board of Elections	1	3	4
Fairfield County Board of Elections	13	15	9
Franklin County Board of Elections	70	936	492
Fulton County Board of Elections	2	2	1
Geauga County Board of Elections	2	1	1
Greene County Board of Elections	3	3	1
Guernsey County Board of Elections	1	1	5
Hamilton County Board of Elections	8	37	8
Hancock County Board of Elections	4	0	4
Henry County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Huron County Board of Elections	2	2	2
Jackson County Board of Elections	1	0	1
Knox County Board of Elections	2	0	5
Lake County Board of Elections	3	20	6
Licking County Board of Elections	13	16	4
Logan County Board of Elections	4	6	2

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Lorain County Board of Elections	8	43	15
Lucas County Board of Elections	5	25	9
Madison County Board of Elections	2	1	1
Mahoning County Board of Elections	5	7	6
Marion County Board of Elections	3	3	1
Medina County Board of Elections	2	5	0
Miami County Board of Elections	3	4	0
Montgomery County Board of Elections	10	80	17
Muskingum County Board of Elections	1	1	1
Ottawa County Board of Elections	2	1	1
Perry County Board of Elections	2	1	2
Pickaway County Board of Elections	3	4	1
Pike County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Portage County Board of Elections	5	9	20
Preble County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Richland County Board of Elections	1	0	2
Ross County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Sandusky County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Shelby County Board of Elections	2	1	1
Stark County Board of Elections	8	16	6
Summit County Board of Elections	7	47	34
Trumbull County Board of Elections	3	16	6
Union County Board of Elections	4	12	1
Warren County Board of Elections	2	1	1
Wayne County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Williams County Board of Elections	1	1	2
Wood County Board of Elections	2	16	7
Wyandot County Board of Elections	1	1	0
TOTALS:	273	1574	793