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Via Regular U.S. Mail and E-mail

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Re: Petition for Constitutional Amendment to add a new section 23 to Article I of the Ohio Constitution – Untitled – Submitted on July 5, 2024.

Dear Mr. Brown,

In accordance with *State ex rel. Brown v. Yost*, Decision No. 2024-Ohio-5388, I have reexamined the summary of Relators' proposed amendment, which was previously submitted to my office on July 5, 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 *Brown* decision. In this instance, the tenth day falls on November 25, 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.

The fact that the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio in *State ex rel. Dudley v. Yost*, 2024-Ohio-5166 concludes the relevant statute does not grant me authority to review a title, and therefore, by extension, the lack of a title, does not change my determination that the summary is misleading. I stand by my position that the title of a proposed constitutional amendment is an indispensable piece to determining whether the summary of it is fair and truthful.

Yours,

Dave Yost

Ohio Attorney General

cc: Committee to Represent the Petitioners