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Columbus, Ohio, June 2, 1944

Mr. Gilbert J. Simpson

10933 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland 11, Ohio

Dear Sir:

You have submitted for my examination a written petition bearing over one hundred names, containing a proposed constitutional amendment and a summary of the same under Section 4785-175, General Code. It is proposed that the Constitution of the State of Ohio be amended by the amendment of Section 12 of Article XII, so that as amended, Section 12 of Article XII will read as follows:

“Section 12. On and after November 11, 1944, no excise tax shall be levied or collected upon the sale or purchase of tangible personal property, except motor vehicle fuel, liquid fuel, cigarettes, tobacco products, beer and wine.”

The summary of this amendment reads as follows:

“An Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio, prohibiting an excise tax on the sale or purchase of any tangible personal property, except certain specific items.”

I am of the opinion that the attached summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed constitutional amendment and accordingly submit for uses provided by law the following certification:

“I, Thomas J. Herbert, Attorney General of the State of Ohio, pursuant to the duties imposed upon me under the provisions of section 4785-175 of the General Code of Ohio, hereby certify that, in my opinion, the attached summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of Ohio to amend Section 12 of Article XII.”

Respectfully,

THOMAS J. HERBERT  
Attorney General