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Via regular U.S. Mail

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Re: Submitted Petition for a new Section 3792.02 to be added to the Ohio Revised Code— "Vaccine and Gene Therapy Choice and Anti-Discrimination"

Dear Ms. Smith,

On December 29, 2021, I received a written petition containing (1) a copy of the above referenced proposed new Ohio Revised Code Section 3792.02, and (2) a summary of the same measure. As you may know, a petition must be submitted in accordance with form and substances as set forth in Ohio law and in Article II, Section 1g of the Ohio Constitution. Among other requirements, Ohio Revised Code Section 3519.01(A) also provides that the proposed initiated law contain the signatures of at least one thousand qualified electors. Your part-petitions were sent to the appropriate county boards of elections for them to determine whether they complied with all necessary legal requirements.

My office has now received reports from county boards of elections that your submission did not contain the verified signatures of at least one thousand qualified electors on *valid* part petitions. Boards of elections found deficiencies that invalidated the petition and part petitions in their entirety. As a result, we must reject it.

If you plan to submit a petition again, please review the statutory requirements for submitting petitions and part-petitions. Finally, because the petition failed to meet the signature threshold on valid petitions, I have not made any determination concerning the fairness and truthfulness of the proposed summary.

Yours,

Ohio Attorney General

cc: Committee to Represent the Petitioners

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