

Coalition to Return Prayer to Our Public Schools

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June 15, 2016

Honorable Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General

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**Ohio Attorney General
Constitutional Offices Section**

Re: Summary Petition

Dear Attorney General DeWine:

Pursuant to the powers of initiative and referendum for the people of Ohio under article 2, section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, I am hereby filing with your office a petition to approve a summary of a constitutional amendment to be proposed by initiative petition.

The petition contains 1,402 signatures of electors and the summary and full text of the amendment to be proposed.

Please contact me if you have any questions, thank you.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Johnson III

3577 Country View Dr.

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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Attorney General of Ohio: Pursuant to the powers of initiative and referendum for the people of Ohio under Article 2, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution, enabling citizens to place an issue directly before voters on a statewide ballot, the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed law and summary of the same.

TITLE

The Amendment to Return Prayer to Our Public Schools

SUMMARY

Amendment to the Constitution Proposed by Initiative Petition to be submitted directly to the Electors. This Amendment would express:

- **That the right of Ohio citizens to express their religious beliefs shall not be infringed upon;**
- **That school children have the right to pray and/or acknowledge their religious beliefs voluntarily in their schools;**
- **That all public schools shall display the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution.**

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

Henry L. Johnson III – 3577 Countryview Dr., Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110

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PACKET INSTRUCTIONS

In order for our petition not to be rejected please adhere to the following:

- **DO NOT SEPARATE THE PACKETS**
- **MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETED AND FILLED OUT AND LEDGIBLE WITH BLACK OR BLUE INK**
- **ALL CIRCULATORS ARE TO SIGN AND COMPLETE THE STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR FOR**
- **IF YOU ARE NOT THE PERSON CIRCULATING THE PETITION MAKE SURE YOU LET THE PERSON YOU GIVE IT TO FOLLOW THE PACKET INSTRUCTIONS**



STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, LINDA Bridges, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing the signatures of 27 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by _____ (Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.8 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification in accordance with section 3501.38 of the Revised Code that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised code.

(Signed) Linda Bridges

(Address of circulator's permanent address in this state) 1546 Valander Ln
Calo, 43227

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

THE AMENDMENT TO RETURN PRAYER TO OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMARY

An Amendment to the Ohio Constitution is proposed by Initiative Petition to be submitted directly to the Electors. This Amendment would express the following:

- **That the right of Ohio citizens to express their religious beliefs shall not be infringed upon;**
- **That school children have the right to pray and/or acknowledge their religious beliefs voluntarily in their schools;**
- **That all public schools shall display the Bill Of Rights of the United States Constitution.**

**THE AMENDMENT TO RETURN PRAYER TO OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUMMARY**

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This Amendment would express the following:

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- That school children have the right to pray and acknowledge their religion voluntarily in their schools.
- That all public schools shall display the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution.

NOTICE

Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once; except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, signs a name other than one's own on this petition; or signs this petition when not a qualified voter, is liable for prosecution.

**MUST USE MOST RECENT ADDRESS ON FILE WITH BOARD OF ELECTIONS
(SIGN WITH BLUE OR BLACK INK YOUR NAME, RESIDENCE, AND DATE OF SIGNING MUST BE GIVEN)**

Signature	County	Township	Rural Route/Other Post	Date
Office Address				
(Voters who do not live in a municipal corporation should fill in the information called for by the headings printed above)				
(Voter who reside in municipal corporations should fill in the information called for by the headings printed below)				
Signature	County	City/Village	Street and Number	Ward/Precinct
				MM/DD/YEAR
1. Signature	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Elections				
City	County	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	Date of Signing
2. Signature	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Elections (i.e. W-West) and Street (i.e. Ave-Avenue)				
City	County	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	Date of Signing
3. Signature	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Elections				
City	County	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	Date of Signing
4. Signature	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Elections				
City	County	Ward/Precinct	Zip Code	Date of Signing
5. Signature	Print First Name		Initial	
	Print Last Name			
Address on file with the Board of Elections				
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