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January 29, 2007

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Ohio Ballot Board c/o Jennifer Brunner, Chair 180 East Broad Street, 16th Floor Columbus, OH 43266

Re:

<u>Proposed Initiated Constitutional Amendment –</u> Guaranteeing High Quality Public Education

Dear Ms. Brunner:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, a written petition proposing a new constitutional amendment, Art. VI, § 2(A)-(K) was submitted for my examination, together with a summary of that initiated amendment. A copy of the proposal and of the summary is enclosed.

I have forwarded original part-petitions to the various county boards of elections in order to have those boards verify signatures. Without taking any position on the findings of the county boards of elections, I can inform you that the boards have verified more than 1,000 signatures.

Having considered only the language of the proposed initiated constitutional amendment which the petitioners seek to submit to the Secretary of State, and the summary of the proposed initiated amendment appearing on the petition as submitted to my office, I conclude that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be proposed. I am now forwarding the proposal to you in your capacity as Chair of the Ballot Board for consideration under Revised Code Section 3505.062. I can certify 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 initiated constitutional amendment, adding Article VI, § 2(A)-(K).

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Once I receive a reply from the Ohio Ballot Board, I will file with you a verified copy of the proposed initiated constitutional amendment with its summary and my certification.

Sincerely,

MARC DANN Attorney General

MD:rnc Enclosure

cc: Chief Elections Counsel, Secretary of State

Donald J. McTigue, Esq.