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Via regular U.S. Mail and E-mail

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Re: Submitted Petition for Referendum on Amended Substitute Senate Bill Number 1

Dear Ms. Fehlbaum,

On April 21, 2025, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 3519.01(B), I received a written petition containing (1) a copy of a proposed Referendum to Amended Substitute Senate Bill 1 and (2) a title and a summary of the same measure.

It is my statutory duty to determine whether the submitted title and summary are “fair and truthful statements of the measure to be referred.” ORC Section 3519.01(B)(3). If I conclude that the title and summary are fair and truthful, I am to certify them as such within ten business days of receipt of the petition. In this instance, the tenth business day falls on May 5, 2023.

I note that the title of the petition refers to the measure as “Amended Substitute Senate Bill Number 1” and the summary further identifies the measure as “Am. Sub. S.B. No. 1”. The measure’s title as enrolled is “Substitute Senate Bill Number 1.” Any technical inaccuracy resulting from reference to the bill as an amended and substitute bill when, in fact, it is only a substitute bill is cured by the attachment of the actual bill to the referendum petition.

Having carefully examined this submission, I conclude that the title and summary are fair and truthful statements of the measure to be referred. 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(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the title and summary are fair and truthful statements of the measure to be referred.

My certification of the title and summary under Section 3519.01(B) should not be construed as an affirmation of the enforceability and constitutionality of the referendum petition. My role, as executed here, is limited to determining whether the wording of the title and summary properly advises potential petition signers of a measure’s material components.

Yours,



Dave Yost
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cc: Committee to Represent the Petitioners