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Re: Petition for Initiated Constitutional Amendment – "Ohio Right to Marry Amendment"

Dear Ms. Hauff,

On June 24, 2025, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 3519.01(A), I received a written petition containing (1) a copy of a proposed constitutional amendment titled "Ohio Equal Rights Amendment" and (2) a summary of the same measure. One of my statutory duties as Attorney General is to send the part-petitions to the appropriate county boards of elections so that the boards can verify that the petition is supported by a total of 1,000 valid signatures. Here, the boards certified the signatures by June 24, 2025. I then certified that the submitted title and summary complied with Section 3519.01(A) as interpreted by the federal courts and forwarded the petition to the Ohio Ballot Board for its approval under R.C. 3505.062(A). On July 9, 2025, the Ballot Board subdivided the petition into two individual petitions.

On August 1, 2025, I received a resubmission of a portion of the June 24, 2025 petition, as it was divided by the Ballot Board. It contains (1) a copy of a proposed constitutional amendment titled "Ohio Right to Marry Amendment" and (2) a summary of the same measure.

Having reviewed the title and summary of the proposed amendment, this letter certifies that the submitted title and summary comply with Section 3519.01(A) as interpreted by the federal courts. This certification should not be construed as an affirmation of the enforceability, constitutionality, or wisdom of the proposed amendment. Those matters are left for a different forum and another day.

Ohio Attorpey General

cc: Committee to Represent the Petitioners