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VIA U.S. MAIL & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: Ohio Personhood Amendment

Dear Dr. Johnston:

In accordance with the provisions of R.C. 3519.01(A), on October 14, 2011, I received a written petition proposing to amend the Ohio Constitution, and a summary of the measure to be referred. Pursuant to R.C. 3519.01(A), the Attorney General must examine the summary and determine whether it is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be referred. If I conclude that the summary is fair and truthful, I must certify that fact to the Secretary of State within ten days of receiving it. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Monday, October 24, 2011.

After reviewing the submission as proposed, I have concluded that I am unable to make that certification. The summary lists three items the amendment will not affect, but those items are not included in the amendment itself. ("The proposed law would not: 1. Affect genuine contraception that acts solely by preventing the creation of a new human being; 2. Affect human 'eggs' or oocytes prior to the beginning of the life of a new human being; 3. Affect reproductive technology or IVF procedures that respect the right to life of newly created human beings.") Because these items are not contained in the proposed amendment as submitted, it is either necessary to remove those three items from the summary or to affirmatively place those three items in the amendment itself. That is the only item that prevents me from certifying this proposed summary.

Also enclosed for your review is a tally sheet of signatures verified per county.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine  
Ohio Attorney General

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**Personhood Amendment: Signatures by County**

<b>Board</b>	<b>Part_Petitions</b>	<b>Signatures verified</b>	<b>Invalid Signatures</b>
Allen County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Ashland County Board of Elections	9	25	33
Athens County Board of Elections	2	1	0
Belmont County Board of Elections	3	2	1
Butler County Board of Elections	1	0	2
Champaign County Board of Elections	3	3	3
Clark County Board of Elections	3	2	3
Clermont County Board of Elections	1	0	2
Clinton County Board of Elections	1	2	0
Columbiana County Board of Elections	2	0	2
Coshocton County Board of Elections	38	171	64
Crawford County Board of Elections	10	15	5
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections	13	18	1
Darke County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Delaware County Board of Elections	7	6	2
Erie County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Fairfield County Board of Elections	32	173	53
Franklin County Board of Elections	32	84	31
Gallia County Board of Elections	1	2	0
Geauga County Board of Elections	2	2	0
Greene County Board of Elections	10	46	9
Guernsey County Board of Elections	16	44	11
Hamilton County Board of Elections	5	33	1
Hancock County Board of Elections	2	3	0
Harrison County Board of Elections	1	1	1
Henry County Board of Elections	1	2	0
Highland County Board of Elections	2	4	0
Hocking County Board of Elections	4	2	4
Holmes County Board of Elections	4	7	0
Huron County Board of Elections	3	4	1
Jackson County Board of Elections	6	11	1
Jefferson County Board of Elections	2	2	1
Knox County Board of Elections	10	20	4
Lawrence County Board of Elections	1	0	1
Licking County Board of Elections	21	67	7
Lorain County Board of Elections	3	4	0
Lucas County Board of Elections	1	2	1

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Madison County Board of Elections	1	2	0
Mahoning County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Marion County Board of Elections	3	1	1
Medina County Board of Elections	12	55	0
Meigs County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Miami County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Montgomery County Board of Elections	11	47	2
Morgan County Board of Elections	9	12	5
Morrow County Board of Elections	7	10	1
Muskingum County Board of Elections	78	473	97
Noble County Board of Elections	3	3	0
Perry County Board of Elections	13	20	6
Pickaway County Board of Elections	8	14	2
Pike County Board of Elections	4	8	4
Portage County Board of Elections	3	3	0
Richland County Board of elections	33	164	42
Ross County Board of Elections	2	2	0
Sandusky County Board of Elections	2	3	0
Scioto County Board of Elections	5	6	1
Shelby County Board of Elections	3	3	0
Stark County Board of Elections	11	18	0
Summit County Board of Elections	6	14	4
Tuscarawus County Board of Elections	4	11	2
Union County Board of Elections	2	3	0
Van Wert County Board of Elections	1	1	0
Vinton County Board of Elections	2	2	0
Warren County Board of Elections	3	6	0
Washington County Board of Elections	4	6	1
Wayne County Board of Elections	22	119	15

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