March 1, 2012

ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE

Honorable Mike DeWine Ohio Attorney General 30 East Broad Street Columbus OH, 43215

RE: Summary Petition

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RECEIVED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

Dear Attorney General DeWine:

Pursuant to R.C. § 3519.01(A), I am hereby filing with you office a petition to approve a summary of a constitutional amendment to be proposed by initiative petition. The petition contains 1764 signatures of electors on 147 part-petitions and the summary and full text of the amendment to be proposed.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jen Stack

Number:

County: Dolawara

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Attorney General of Ohio: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3519.01(A), 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 a summary of the same.

TITLE

The Freedom to Marriage and Religious Freedom Amendment

SUMMARY

This proposed amendment would repeal and replace Section 11 to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution to:

- 1. Allow two consenting adults the freedom to enter into a marriage regardless of gender;
- 2. Give religious institutions the freedom to determine who they wish to marry;
- 3. Give religious institutions constitutional protection to refuse to perform a marriage;
- Retain the rights of Section 11 of Article XV for political subdivisions to not recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals;
- 5. Retain the portions of Title 31 that codifies this Amendment.

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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FULL TEXT OF LAW

Be it resolved by the people of the State of Ohio that Article XV, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution be adopted and read as follows: § 11. In the State of Ohio and its political subdivisions, marriage shall be a union of two consenting adults and no religious institution shall be required to perform or recognize a marriage.

I,
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
Volunteer
(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)
I further declare under penalty of election falsification 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 qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. (Signed)
(Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state) Number and Street, Road or Rural Route City, Village or Township
Chi) 43229

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

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