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Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Submitted Petition for Initiated Constitutional Amendment to Add Section 13 to  
Article XV of the Ohio Constitution — “The Ohio Puppy Mill Prevention Amendment”

Dear Mr. Husted,

On September 6, 2017, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 3519.01(A), I received a written petition containing (1) a copy of a proposed constitutional amendment to add Section 13 to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution, and (2) a summary of the same measure.

It is my statutory duty to determine whether the submitted summary “is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” ORC Section 3519.01(A). If I conclude that the summary is fair and truthful, I am to certify it as such within ten days of receipt of the petition. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Having examined the submission, I conclude that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law. I therefore submit the following certification to you:

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 law.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine  
Ohio Attorney General

cc: Jack Christopher, Elections Counsel (*by email*)