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VIA HAND DELIVERY & EMAIL

The Ohio Ballot Board  
c/o Jennifer Brunner, Chair  
180 East Broad Street, 16th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43266

Re: Submitted Proposed Initiated Constitutional Amendment  
to add Article XIV, Section 2 to the Ohio Constitution

Dear Chairwoman Brunner:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, a written petition bearing a copy of a proposed initiated constitutional amendment to Article XIV of the Ohio Constitution was submitted to this office for examination, together with a summary of that proposed amendment, on January 27, 2010.

The Office's explicit statutory duty is to opine whether the submitted summary of this proposed amendment "is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment." *Id.* If we find that the summary is fair and truthful, then we are to "so certify and then forward the submitted petition to the Ohio ballot board for its approval." *Id.*

Having considered only the language of the initiated constitutional amendment and a summary of that proposed amendment, I am of the opinion that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be proposed. I am now forwarding the proposal to you in your capacity as Chair of the Ballot Board for consideration under Revised Code Section 3505.062. I can certify to the Ohio Ballot Board as follows:

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 initiated Constitutional Amendment to Article XIV.

Once the Ballot Board meets pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3505.062, I will forward its certification(s) to you in accordance with my statutory duties.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD CORDRAY  
Ohio Attorney General

Enclosure: Text & Summary