December 30, 2011

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL.

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

RE: Re-submitted Personhood Ohio Constitutional Amendment

Dear Secretary Husted:

In accordance with the provisions of R.C. 3519.01(A), on December 21, 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), I 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 your office within ten days of receiving it. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Saturday, December 31, 2011, and the first business day thereafter is January 3, 2012. Additionally, the petitioners must submit signatures from at least 1,000 registered voters. As of this date, our office has received verification of 1,268 signatures from local boards of election.

Having considered only the language of the summary submitted by the petitioners, I am of the opinion that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be referred. I am therefore submitting the following certification to you as Secretary of State:

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 constitutional amendment.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General

cc: Elizabeth Schuster, by email