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VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Re:

Referendum Petition to Repeal Am. Sub. S.B. 5 of the 129th General Assembly – Short Version

Dear Secretary Husted:

A copy of a written petition proposing to repeal Am. Sub. S.B. 5 of the 129th General Assembly was submitted to my office on April 4, 2011, in accordance with Section 3519.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code. This statute specifies that the Attorney General is to conduct an examination of the summary within ten business days of receiving it. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Monday, April 18, 2011.

The Office's explicit statutory duty is to determine whether the submitted summary "is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be referred." Id. If I find that the summary is fair and truthful, then I am to certify it as such.

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 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed referendum concerning Am. Sub. S.B. 5 of the 129th General Assembly.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Committee to Represent the Petitioners under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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Attorney General

CC: Elizabeth Shuster, by email