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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Coalition to Ban Ohio Dog Auctions
c/o Donald J. McTigue, Esq.
550 East Walnut St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Re-Submitted Proposed Initiated Statute to Ban Dog Auctions

Dear Mr. McTigue:

A written petition proposing to enact Section 955.54 of the Ohio Revised Code was submitted to our office on September 23, 2009, in accordance with Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code. This statute specifies that the Attorney General is to conduct an examination of the summary within ten days of receiving it. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

The Office's explicit statutory duty is to determine whether the submitted summary "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 Statute which you propose to submit to the Secretary of State, and a summary of that proposed initiated statute appearing on the petition you have submitted, we are of the opinion that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be proposed. I am therefore submitting the following certification to the Ohio Ballot Board:

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 Statute to enact Section 955.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Please do not hesitate to contact Damian Sikora or Rich Coglianesse at the number listed below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

RICHARD CORDRAY
Ohio Attorney General