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Via regular U.S. Mail and E-mail

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Re: Submitted Petition for Initiated Constitutional Amendment to Add Article I, Section 22 to the Ohio Constitution—“Medical Right to Refuse”

Dear Ms. Smith,

On June 16, 2022, I received a written petition proposing to add Section 22 to Article 1 of the Ohio Constitution, along with a summary of the measure, in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3519.01(A).

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 calendar day falls on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

Having examined the submission, I conclude that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed initiated constitutional amendment. I therefore submitted the following certification to the Ohio Secretary of State:

Without passing on 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.

This letter does not offer an opinion of the enforceability or constitutionality of the same.

Yours,

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