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May 17, 2013

**Via Hand Delivery & Electronic Mail**

The Ohio Ballot Board  
c/o Hon. Jon Husted  
180 E. Broad St., 15th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Submitted Proposed Initiated Constitutional Amendment to add Section 12 to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution, The Ohio Cannabis Rights Amendment

Dear Jon:

In accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 3519.01(A), a written petition bearing a copy of a proposed initiated constitutional amendment to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution was submitted to this office for examination, together with a summary of the proposed amendment, on May 7, 2013.

It is my statutory duty to determine whether the submitted summary of the proposed amendment “is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” ORC 3519.01(A). If the summary is fair and truthful, then I am to “so certify and then forward the submitted petition to the Ohio ballot board for its approval.” *Id.* I must also verify with county boards of election that signatures accompanying the petition total at least 1,000 registered voters. By statute, I am required to perform these duties within ten days of receiving the petition. In this instance, the tenth day falls today, Friday, May 17, 2013.

Having received verification that the submission was accompanied by more than 1,000 valid signatures, and having considered the language of the initiated constitutional amendment and its summary, I conclude that the summary is fair and truthful. I now forward the proposal to you in your capacity as Chair of the Ballot Board for consideration under Ohio Revised Code Section 3505.062, certifying 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 constitutional amendment.

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

The Ohio Ballot Board  
c/o Hon. Jon Husted  
May 17, 2013  
Re: The Ohio Cannabis Rights Amendment  
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Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine  
Ohio Attorney General

Enclosure: Submission Text and Summary

cc: Betsy Luper Schuster, General Counsel, Secretary of State (*by e-mail*)