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March 2, 2020

The Honorable Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General
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Re: Ballot Board determination that the “Secure and Fair Elections Amendment”
contains four separate constitutional amendments.

Dear Attorney General Yost:

Acting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3519.01(A), on February 20, 2020, you transmitted to Secretary LaRose, in his capacity as chairman of the Ohio Ballot Board, a proposed constitutional amendment entitled the “Secure and Fair Elections Amendment.”

As Secretary of the Ohio Ballot Board, I hereby certify that a quorum of the board met in public session on March 2, 2020, for the purpose of examining and certifying the petition in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3505.062(A).

I further certify that the Ohio Ballot Board determined that the proposed initiative petition contains more than one proposed constitutional amendment. Pursuant to the second paragraph of Ohio Revised Code 3505.062(A), the Ballot Board divided the initiative into four individual petitions, each containing only one proposed constitutional amendment. The Ballot Board’s divisions relate to four distinct subjects: (1) a constitutional right regarding casting ballots; (2) a constitutional right regarding the manner in which one becomes a registered voter and the time that registration is effective; (3) a constitutional right for citizens with disabilities to register to vote and to vote; and (4) post-election audits. The four petitions are as follows:

1. The first proposed amendment consists of the Petitioners’ proposed subsections (1) and (3); the first sentence of the unnumbered last paragraph; and the third and fourth sentences of the unnumbered last paragraph.

2. The second proposed amendment consists of the Petitioners' proposed changes to the current text of Article V, Section 1; Petitioners' proposed subsections (2) and (4); and the second sentence of the unnumbered last paragraph.
3. The third proposed amendment consists of the Petitioners' proposed subsection (5).
4. The fourth proposed amendment consists of the Petitioners' unnumbered sentence regarding post-election audits.

Sincerely,



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