



Via Certified Mail and Electronic Mail

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Re: Statute Proposed by Initiative Petition – “An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis” – Certification Upon Review of Supplemental Filing

Dear Mr. McTigue:

The Secretary of State's Office received reports from all 88 counties that performed signature verification for the supplementary petition filed with our Office on July 5, 2023, as well as the additional signatures from supplemental part-petitions filed on August 3, 2023. For the Initiated Statute to be submitted to the electors at the November 7, 2023 General Election, Article II, Sections 1b and 1g of the Ohio Constitution requires that petitioners gather valid signatures equal to at least three percent of the total votes cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election (124,046 valid signatures). These Sections of the Constitution further require that petitioners gather 1.5 percent of the total votes cast for the office of governor in that county at the last gubernatorial election in at least 44 of Ohio's counties.

Pursuant to Sections 1b and 1g of Article II of the Ohio Constitution and Sections 3501.05(K) and 3519.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, and based on the review and verification from the boards of elections, the supplementary part-petitions contained 123,367 total valid signatures on behalf of the Initiated Statute and signatures from 49 counties met or exceeded 1.5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the office of governor in the respective counties at the last gubernatorial election. The additional supplemental part-petitions contained 4,405 valid signatures on behalf of the Initiated Statute. I hereby certify that the part-petitions from both filings contained a total of 127,772 valid signatures.

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These results, recorded on the enclosed document, indicate that petitioners filed a sufficient number of valid signatures and satisfied the requirements prescribed by Article II, Section 1b and 1g of the Ohio Constitution and Section 3519.16 of the Ohio Revised Code. Therefore, in the absence of judicial direction to the contrary, **I will direct the boards of elections to place the proposed law on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot.**

If you have any questions concerning this certification letter, please contact the Secretary of State's Chief Legal Counsel, Paul Disantis, at (614) 728-9504.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

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