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Re: Proposed Statewide Initiative – An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis

Dear Mr. McTigue and Mr. Oberle:

The Secretary of State's Office received reports from all 88 counties that performed signature verification for the initial part-petitions filed with this Office on December 20, 2021, and the additional signatures on the additional part-petitions filed on January 13, 2022, for the proposed statewide initiative. For a statewide initiative proposing a statute submitted to the voters, Sections 1b and 1g, Article II of the Ohio Constitution require that petitioners gather valid signatures equal to at least 3 percent of the total votes cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election (132,887 valid signatures), and that in at least 44 of Ohio's Counties petitioners gather 1.5 percent of the total vote cast for the office of governor in that county at the last gubernatorial election.

Pursuant to Sections 1b and 1g of the Article II of the Ohio Constitution and Section 3519.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, and based on the review and verification from the boards of elections, The initial part-petitions contained 119,825 valid signatures on behalf of the proposed statewide initiative of the total signatures submitted, signatures from 51 counties were submitted that met or exceeded 1.5 percent of the total number of votes cast for governor in the respective counties at the last gubernatorial election. The additional part-petitions contained 16,904 valid signatures on behalf of the proposed statewide initiative. I hereby certify that the part-petitions contained a total of 136,729 valid signatures submitted on behalf of the proposed statewide initiative petition.

These results, recorded on the enclosed documents, indicate that petitioners filed a sufficient number of valid signatures and satisfied the requirements of Sections 1b and 1g, Article II, of the Ohio Constitution. Accordingly, I submit the statewide initiative to the General Assembly for consideration.



If you have any questions concerning this certification, please contact the Secretary of State's Director of Elections at (614) 466-3899.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank LaRose".

Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

cc: Members of the Initiated Statute Committee