



**Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail**

January 3, 2023

The Honorable Jason Stephens  
Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High St., 14th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Honorable Matt Huffman  
President, Ohio Senate  
Statehouse, 2nd Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Honorable Allison Russo  
Minority Leader, Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High St., 14th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Honorable Nickie Antonio  
Minority Leader, Ohio Senate  
Statehouse, 3rd Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis

Dear Speaker Stephens, President Huffman, and Minority Leaders Russo and Antonio:

On January 28, 2022, I certified that the petition proposing “An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis” as an initiated statute met the requirements of Article II, Sections 1b and 1g of the Ohio Constitution. Pursuant to Article II, Section 1b of the Ohio Constitution, I transmitted the full text of the proposed law to the General Assembly for its consideration. A copy of the January 28, 2022 certification letter is attached.

Following the transmittal of the full text of the proposed law to the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the initiated statute petitioners sought declaratory judgment in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas that the Secretary of State’s January 28, 2022 transmittal was legally proper. The parties to the lawsuit agreed to a settlement requiring my Office to re-transmit the proposed law and petition to the General Assembly on the first day of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly’s first regular session.<sup>1</sup>

As stipulated in the Settlement Order, today shall be considered the date on which the General Assembly’s four-month period to consider the proposed law begins, as provided for in Article II, Section 1b of the Ohio Constitution, and no parties shall take any direct or indirect action in contravention of this re-transmission.

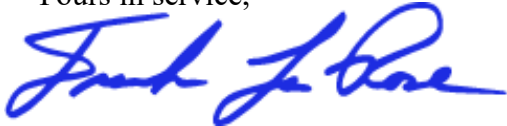
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<sup>1</sup> *Lynaugh, et al. v. LaRose, et al.*, Franklin C.P. No. 22 CV 2851 (May 12, 2022).

Based on the board of elections' prior review and verification of the petition, I certify that the petition proposing "An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis" as an Initiated Statute meets the requirements of Article II, Sections 1b and 1g of the Ohio Constitution; and therefore, pursuant to Article II, Section 1b of the Ohio Constitution, I am re-transmitting the petition and full text of the proposed law to the General Assembly for its consideration.

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

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose  
Ohio Secretary of State

Enclosure: Initiative Petition entitled "An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis"  
Full text of the Proposed Law  
Certification Letter dated January 28, 2022

cc: Bradley J. Young, Clerk of the Ohio House  
Vincent L. Keeran, Clerk of the Ohio Senate