INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Attorney General of Ohio:
Pursuant of the Revised Code 3519.01, the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and a summary of the same.

TITLE

Bottle Bill for Ohio

SUMMARY

The Amendment would amend Art. XV, Section 2 of the Constitution to require the general assembly to enact laws within 90 days of passage to require: a refundable deposit of 5-10 cents be paid on closed glass, metal and plastic containers sold at retail with content in the container; marking such containers with “OH” and the refund value; designation of locations throughout the state where such containers can be returned and deposit refunds received; businesses that purchase such containers and consume the contents to return the containers to such locations and pay the state within 30 days 80% of the refunded deposits to be used to reduce health and car insurance costs for state residents; and impose a fine not to exceed $100,000 for a violation of the amendment, taking into consideration the business size and extent of violation.
B) The director may enter into contracts or other agreements and may execute any instruments necessary or incidental to the discharge of the director's responsibilities under this chapter.

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition to the petition or its circulation:

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Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article XV, Section 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Art. XV, Section 2. Retail Container Recycling

Within ninety days of the passage of this amendment, the general assembly shall enact laws to: require a refundable deposit of five to ten cents be paid at the retail level on all glass, metal and plastic closed containers with content in the container; require that the abbreviation “OH” and the refund value be clearly marked on each such container; provide that such containers may be returned to and immediate deposit refunds for such containers be received at designated recycling locations throughout the state; require businesses that purchase and consume the contents of such containers to return the containers to the designated recycling location(s) and receive the deposit refunds and pay to the state within thirty days of receipt eighty percent of the received refunds; require that the deposit refunds paid to the state by businesses be used to lower health insurance and car insurance costs for residents of the state; and impose a fine not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars on businesses for a violation of this amendment, taking into consideration the size of the business and the extent of the violation.
STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, ____________, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of ___________ electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

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(employer).

(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

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(Signed)

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(Address of circulator’s permanent residence in this state) Number and Street, Road or Rural Route

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City, Village or Township

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State Zip Code

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.