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Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Submitted Petition for Initiated Statute to Amend Ohio Revised Code § 2953.37 —  
The “Fresh Start Act”

Dear Mr. Husted,

On June 24, 2015, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 3519.01(A), I received a written petition containing (1) a copy of a proposed initiated statute to amend Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 2953.37, and (2) a summary of the same measure.

It is my statutory duty to determine whether the submitted summary “is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” ORC 3519.01(A). If I conclude that the summary is fair and truthful, I am to certify it as such within ten days of receipt of the petition. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Saturday, July 4, 2015. Therefore, my determination is due Monday, July 6, 2015.

Having examined the submission, I conclude that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law. I therefore submit the following certification to you:

Without passing upon the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General’s Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine  
Ohio Attorney General

cc: Jack Christopher, Elections Counsel (*by email*)