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June 12, 2006

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

The Ohio Ballot Board
c/o J. Kenneth Blackwell, Chairman
180 E. Broad Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43266

Re: Proposed Initiated Constitutional Amendment – Casino Gambling

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, a written petition proposing an amendment to Article XV, §12 of the Ohio Constitution was submitted for my examination, together with a summary of that initiated proposed amendment. A copy of the proposal and of the summary is enclosed.

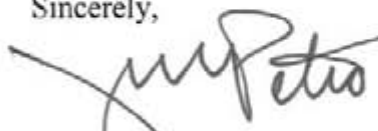
I have forwarded original part-petitions to the various county boards of elections in order to have those boards verify signatures. Without taking any position on the findings of the county boards of elections, I can inform you that the boards have verified more than 1,000 signatures.

Having considered only the language of the proposed constitutional amendment which the petitioners seek to submit to the Secretary of State for submission to the voters, and the summary of the proposed constitutional amendment appearing on the petition as submitted to my office, I conclude that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be proposed. I am now forwarding the proposal to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Ballot Board for consideration Revised Code Section 3505.062. I can certify to the Ohio Ballot Board as follows:

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 constitutional amendment to Article XV, §12 of the Ohio Constitution.

Once I receive a reply from the Ohio Ballot Board, I will file with you a verified copy of the proposed constitutional amendment with its summary and my certification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Petro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JIM PETRO
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Enclosure

cc: Chief Elections Counsel, Secretary of State



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VIA FAX AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Re: Proposed Initiated Constitutional Amendment – Casino Gambling

Dear Mr. Brunner:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, a written petition bearing a copy of a proposed amendment to Article XV, §12 of the Ohio Constitution was submitted for my examination, together with a summary of that proposed amendment, on June 2, 2006.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3519.01(A), my duty is to opine whether “the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” Accordingly, this office does not comment on the merits of the proposed constitutional amendment, nor does this office determine the validity of the signatures of the part-petitions. The validity of signatures is determined by the respective county boards of elections. The county boards of elections have informed me that you have submitted more than the required 1,000 validated signatures.

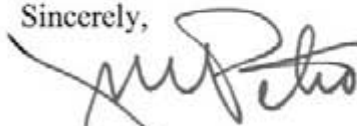
Having considered only the language of the constitutional amendment which you propose to submit to the Secretary of State for submission to the voters, and a summary of that proposed constitutional amendment appearing on the petition you have submitted, I am of the opinion that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be proposed. I am therefore submitting the following certification to the Ohio Ballot Board:

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 constitutional amendment to Article XV, §12 of the Ohio Constitution.

Rick L. Brunner, Esq.
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Once the Ballot Board meets pursuant to Revised Code Section 3505.062, I will forward its certification(s) to you and to the Secretary of State in accordance with Revised Code Sections 3505.062(A) and 3519.01(A).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Petro", written over a horizontal line.

JIM PETRO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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