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Re: Request for title and summary of Ballot Initiative

Dear Ms. Paris,

Enclosed is the draft text of a proposed Ballot Initiative to be submitted to the voters of California. We request that a ballot title and summary be prepared.

Please send the title and summary to:

Dorothy Cummings or Gary Ellis
PO Box 969
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at: 7am-3pm
Monday through Friday. You may also email me at: dody@mpcas.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

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The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(Here set forth the title and summary prepared by the Attorney General. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear.)

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of San Bernardino County, hereby propose amendments to the Government Code, relating to the Legislature, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed statutory amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:

An act to add Section 9021.5 to the Government Code, relating to mandatory drug and alcohol testing for Members of the California Legislature.

SECTION 1. Section 9021.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

9021.5. (a) On the first day of a regular session, each Senator and Member of the Assembly shall be tested for the illegal use of controlled substances and the habitual use of alcohol by the Department of the California Highway Patrol. Testing conducted pursuant to this section shall be performed in conformance with the procedures and standards established by the United States Department of Transportation for drug and alcohol testing of federal employees.

(b) If a Senator or Member of the Assembly tests positive for either the illegal use of a controlled substance or the habitual use of alcohol or if he or she refuses to be tested, he or she shall not be permitted to engage in any official act as a Senator or Member of the Assembly until he or she has completed a substance abuse treatment program identified by the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the cost of which shall be paid for by the Senator or Member of the Assembly. Until the Senator or Member of the Assembly completes substance abuse treatment, he or she shall not be entitled to collect salary or payment of travel or living expenses.

(c) Upon completion of substance abuse treatment pursuant to subdivision (b), a Senator or Member of the Assembly shall again be tested for the illegal use of controlled substances and the habitual continual use of alcohol. If the Senator or Member of the Assembly again tests positive for either the illegal use of a controlled substance or the habitual use of alcohol or if he or she again refuses to be tested, he or she shall permanently forfeit his or her office after being afforded notice and an opportunity to be heard.

(d) The requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) shall not apply to a Senator or Member of the Assembly who tests positive for the use of marijuana and whose use of marijuana was approved or recommended by a licensed physician.

(e) This section shall not apply to a Senator or Member of the Assembly currently serving a term of office at the time of the enactment of this section.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this section are severable. If any provision of this section or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.