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ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

July 30, 2026

Dear Sponsor,

On July 3, 2026, your organization made its final submission to my office regarding a proposed constitutional amendment. With this letter, I am notifying you that your submission is insufficient under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(d). Further, the petition you submitted contains many troubling irregularities.

Notably, 87 petition parts were for a different constitutional amendment, The Educational Rights Amendment of 2026, but were submitted with your petition. Two thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine (2,779) signatures were from individuals whose names were on the petition more than one time, whether due to them illegally signing multiple times or due to forgery. Fifteen times a notary appears to have notarized a canvasser's blank signature line. Most troubling, in 504 occurrences someone appears to have forged another's information or signature.

On its face, your petition is insufficient under Arkansas law for the following independently sufficient reasons.

1. Of the pages of signatures submitted to my office, 87 pages had attached the popular name "The Educational Rights Amendment of 2026." Nineteen-thousand, nine hundred and twenty-four (19,924) pages had the attached popular name "The Ballot Measure Rights Amendment of 2026." No petition part had attached or on its face the ballot title approved by the Attorney General, "The Arkansas Ballot Measure Rights Amendment." The addition of "of 2026" whether done to gain an advantage over the competing direct democracy amendment, or for other reasons, causes every petition part to violate Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b)(2) and § 7-9-106(a). The removal of "Arkansas" also causes every petition part to violate Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b)(2) and § 7-9-106(a). No petition part contained the language approved by the Arkansas Attorney General. Therefore, you have submitted zero countable signatures under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b).

2. The sample petition submitted to my office under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-104(c)(2) does not contain a popular name approved by the Arkansas Attorney General. Therefore, Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b)(7) prohibits the counting of the submitted petition parts.

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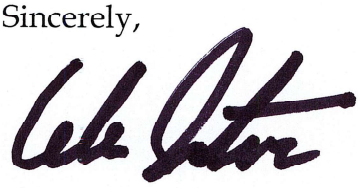
3. If the correct popular name had been submitted and properly attached, excluding The Arkansas Educational Rights Amendment of 2026 pages, you would have turned in 19,924 petition pages. Of those pages, at least 2,453 pages could not be counted under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(b) due to notary or canvasser defects. The remaining 17,471 pages would contain 83,211 signatures for the purpose of the initial count required under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-126(a). A signature was not countable if it was illegible, forgery/transcription, a duplicate, from outside the county stated, contained missing or impossible information, or had any other facially material defect. The signatures submitted would therefore still fall at least 7,493 signatures short of the 90,704 signatures required begin verification.

If the above reasons had not independently disqualified the petition, Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-9-103(g)(1) would prohibit my office from counting signatures from any canvassers who have violated "Arkansas laws regarding canvassing, perjury, forgery, or fraudulent practices in the procurement of petition signatures." The petition submitted to my office contains evidence of such laws being violated.

Please see the attached appendix for a set of examples.

Sincerely,



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