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Petitioners for Marijuana Ballot Issue Reach Settlement

Initiative to be re-transmitted on first day of 135th General Assembly session

Columbus, OH – Today the Petition Committee proposing a law to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol reached a settlement with Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp, and Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman regarding the declaratory judgment filed on April 29. The settlement was also confirmed in a binding judgment entry issued by the court.

The settlement provides legal clarity for the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol as they look to gain ballot access. All parties have agreed that the Secretary of State will re-transmit the petition to the General Assembly on the first day of the 135th session, specifically January 3, 2023. The four-month period for the General Assembly's consideration of the proposed law will then begin.

“The most important thing for us was preserving an opportunity for Ohio voters to decide this issue,” said Tom Haren, one of the petitioners. “We are delighted to have reached this settlement, which has preserved our initial signatures, provided the General Assembly with a second opportunity to consider the proposed statute, and established a clear path to ballot access in 2023. To be certain: we aren't going anywhere and are undeterred in our goal to legalize cannabis for all adults in Ohio.”

Should the General Assembly choose not to act by May 3, 2023, on the initiative petition, the Coalition will begin collecting signatures on May 4, 2023, to appear before voters on the November 2023 ballot.

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