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Mr. James Gray
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Dear Mr. Gray:

Pursuant to Ark. Stat. Ann. Section 2-208 (Supp. 1985), the Attorney General is required to approve and certify the popular name and ballot title of all proposed initiative or referendum acts or amendments before the petitions are circulated for signature.

The purpose of my review and certification is to ensure that the ballot title and popular name honestly, intelligibly and fairly set forth the purpose of a proposed act or amendment. Arkansas Women's Political Caucus v. Riviere, 283 Ark. 463, 466, 677 S.W.2d 846 (1984); Becker v. Riviere, 277 Ark. 252, 254, 641 S.W.2d (1982). Ark. Stat. Ann. Section 2-208 neither requires nor authorizes this office to make any legal determinations concerning the merits of the act or amendment or the likelihood that the act or amendment will accomplish its stated objectives. Consequently, this review has been limited to determining whether your proposed ballot title and popular name accurately and impartially summarize the provisions of your proposed initiated amendment.

Your proposed popular name which is the "Equal Requirements for passage of all bills levying taxes" is believed to be sufficient.

The proposed ballot title which follows is believed to be sufficient:

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Ballot Title

An amendment to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas providing that the levy of a state tax, or the increase of a rate of state tax, shall require the vote of two-thirds of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly.

The foregoing proposed popular name and substituted ballot title are hereby approved and certified as sufficient.

Sincerely,

STEVE CLARK
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