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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. John Thurston
Arkansas Secretary of State
State Capitol, Suite 256
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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Secretary of State

Re: ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2024

Dear Secretary Thurston:

This firm represents Arkansans for Patient Access (APA), a Ballot Question Committee and the Sponsor of the initiative petition popularly known as ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2024.

Today, APA has turned in 38,934 additional signatures from Arkansas voters who are petitioning to have this initiative placed on the November ballot. These signatures are in addition to the 111,402 signatures turned in to your office on July 5, 2024. Based on your letter to me of July 31, 2024, you represented that your office had determined that there were no less than 77,000 valid signatures from the July 5 turn in. In that letter, you also represented that APA qualified for a 30-day cure period. APA's submission today is in compliance with that cure period.

As you are also aware, on August 8, 2024, your office sent me another letter under your signature asserting that your office had "discovered" that APA failed to comply with Ark. Code Ann. §7-9-601(b)(3). As you should also be aware, APA strongly disputes that it failed to comply with this statute and, if necessary, will challenge your position in the appropriate forum.

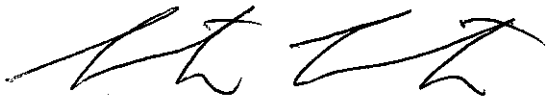
In anticipation that you will continue to assert this position with respect to today's submission of signatures, I expect that you will refuse to count some number of those signatures from Arkansas voters. However, in the interest of time and

preservation of taxpayer dollars, we ask that any signatures not counted by your office due to your position that APA failed to comply with Ark. Code Ann. §7-9-601(b)(3) be nonetheless validated by your office so that the Arkansas Supreme Court can better assess whether the initiative should be certified to the ballot.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

WRIGHT, LINDSEY & JENNINGS LLP



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