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**To All Interested Parties:**

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury is responsible for the pre-election review of proposed initiative petitions for compliance with the procedural constitutional requirements established in the Oregon Constitution for initiative petitions. This review will be completed before approving the form of the cover and signature sheets for the purpose of circulating the proposed initiative petition to gather signatures.

The Secretary of State is seeking public input on whether proposed initiative petition (#1), satisfies the procedural constitutional requirements for circulation as a proposed initiative petition. Petition #1 was filed in our office on March 4, 2004, by Don McIntire and Jason Williams, for the General Election of November 7, 2006.

On the reverse side of this letter is a copy of the text of this proposed initiative petition. If you are interested in providing comments on whether the proposed initiative petition meets the procedural constitutional requirements, please write to the secretary at the Elections Division in the State Capitol. Your comments, if any, must be received by the Elections Division no later than March 26, 2004, in order for them to be considered in the review.

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**BY:**

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The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 15 to be added to and made a part of Article IX, such section to read:

Section 15. (1) The object of this section is to control the growth of state government spending. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the change in total appropriations by the Legislative Assembly from one biennium to the next shall be no greater than the percentage change in inflation plus the percentage change in state population over the two calendar years immediately preceding the start of the biennium.

- (2) For purposes of this section,
- (a) Inflation means the percentage change in the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Portland - Salem, all items, all urban consumers, or its successor index.
  - (b) Population shall be determined by annual federal census estimates and such number shall be adjusted every decade to match the federal census.
- (3) The following appropriations for expenditures shall not be subject to the limitation of this section:
- (a) Federal funds;
  - (b) Money voluntarily donated to a state agency;
  - (c) Proceeds from the sale of bonds;
  - (d) Proceeds from the sale of real property at real market value to non-governmental entities;
  - (e) Transfers of money between state agencies;
  - (f) Money distributed from the state's public pension system for the purpose of payment of benefits or refunds.

(4) The limit on total appropriations established by this section for each biennium may be exceeded for that biennium by an amount approved by two-thirds of each house of the legislative assembly and referred to and approved by a majority of electors voting on the issue in a general election.

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