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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 (#2), satisfies the procedural constitutional requirements for circulation as a proposed initiative petition. Petition #2 was filed in our office on March 26, 2004, by Matthew Dean Zollinger, Bruce L. Alder and Paula D. Sherman, 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 April 19, 2004, in order for them to be considered in the review.

BILL BRADBURY
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BY:

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Until the Congress of the United States of America shall have proposed an amendment to the United States Constitution that only (a) defines marriage as between a man and a woman or (b) ensures to each state the right to decide for itself the definition of marriage for all its residents, then, the Legislature of each session of this State shall, prior to the passage of any new legislation by the Legislature, call for the convening of a United States Constitutional Convention. Such call shall be for a Convention with the same authority and rules as the original founding Convention and shall be valid for a period of seven years once made. The Legislature shall take all such additional acts as necessary, including the appointment of representatives, to call, attend and fully participate in such a Convention. Such representatives shall meet at a place designated by the sponsors of this law no later than May 14 of each year, and shall as one of their first items of business determine whether there is adequate participation so that a Convention has authority to proceed. When, in consequence of such a Convention, any Constitutional amendment adopted shall either (a) define marriage as only between a man and a woman or (b) ensure to each state the right to decide for itself the definition of marriage for all its residents, then the Legislature of this State shall thereafter have no further obligation to issue a new call for a Convention.

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