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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 (#22), satisfies the procedural constitutional requirements for circulation as a proposed initiative petition. Petition #22 was filed in our office on May 16, 2006, by Lon Mabon and Robert Ekstrom, for the General Election of November 7, 2006.

Enclosed 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 June 8, 2006, in order for them to be considered in the review.

BILL BRADBURY
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BY:

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Compliance Specialist

Be it enacted by the People of the state of Oregon (Established A.D.1859): To be added to the existing Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of said state as follows (the existing Constitutional wording is in normal type -- **The Changes are in bold type**):

Article I, Section 8.

Freedom of speech and press. No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right. **The free expression of opinion applies to beliefs, thoughts and personal judgment regarding a matter, and shall not include conduct or personal behavior.** –

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