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The Office of the Secretary of State received a certified ballot title from the Attorney General on July 27, 2007, for initiative petition #105, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

In addition, Secretary of State Bill Bradbury determined that the proposed initiative petition was in compliance with the procedural requirements established in the Oregon Constitution for initiative petitions.

The certified ballot title is as follows:

**REVOKES STATE CONSENT TO FEDERAL LAND OWNERSHIP IN
OREGON, WITH EXCEPTIONS; COUNTIES TO OWN INSTEAD**

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote revokes consent of the state to federal ownership of land within state with specified exceptions; ownership and control declared to be with counties.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote does not revoke or withdraw the consent of the state of Oregon to federal ownership of land within the boundaries of the state.

SUMMARY: Various agencies of the federal government presently own land within the state of Oregon for a variety of purposes. This measure revokes the consent of the people of the state of Oregon to such ownership, with the exception of land held by federal agencies within city limits of the state capitol and city limits of county seats; certain lands for which the federal government has paid; postal facilities; and Coast Guard and other military facilities. Federal lands affected by measure to be owned, controlled by counties; counties to manage for the greatest possible financial gain. Counties to give priority to privatization of habitable land not needed for timber or mineral income or for recreation; sales preference given to native-born residents of county. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Jack Brown, 745 NE 12th ST, Grants Pass, OR 97526, James Rafferty, PO Box 706, Selma, OR 97538 and Barbara Gonzalez, 1820 Robinson RD, Grants Pass, OR 97527.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141 State Capitol, for \$.25. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows an appeal period of 10 business days. Any elector dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, who also submitted in a timely manner written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Supreme Court for a different title. The appeal period ends at 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2007. The appeal procedures are outlined in ORS 250.085.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2008 general election ballot is 82,769. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.

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John Lindback
Director, Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Revokes State Consent To Federal Land Ownership In Oregon, With Exceptions; Counties To Own Instead
DOJ File #BT-105-07; Elections Division #105

Dear Mr. Lindback:

Pursuant to ORS 250.067, we have reviewed the comments submitted by Jack Alan Brown, Jr., chief petitioner for this proposed initiative petition. In response to those comments and our further review of the proposed measure, we have not modified the draft ballot title in any respect.

This letter summarizes the comment we received and our response to that comment. Pursuant to ORAP 11.30, this letter must be included in the record in the event that the Oregon Supreme Court is asked to review the enclosed certified ballot title.

Legal Standards

ORS 250.035(2)(a) requires, in the case of a ballot measure that does not amend the Oregon Constitution, "a caption of not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter" of the measure. ORS 250.035(2)(b) and (c) require "a simple and understandable statement of not more than 25 words that describes the result if the state measure is approved" and "a simple and understandable statement of not more than 25 words that describes the result if the state measure is rejected." Those statements "shall be written so that, to the extent practical, the language of the two statements is parallel." ORS 250.035(3). The summary for a state measure must summarize the measure and its major effect in 125 words or fewer. ORS 250.035(2)(d).

The Comment

Mr. Brown comments that the draft ballot title is concise and impartial and accurately summarizes the proposed measure and its major effects. Obviously, we agree with this

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comment. Accordingly, we have made no changes to the draft ballot title, and certify the ballot title as drafted.

Very truly yours,

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