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The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah
Utah State Capitol Complex, Suite E325
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: Ballot title for Citizens' State Referendum Number 1

Dear Lieutenant Governor Herbert:

As required by Utah Code Ann. Section 20A-7-308, we have prepared a ballot title for the referendum you certified on April 30, 2007 for H.B. 148, Education Vouchers, passed during the 2007 General Session. We are enclosing a copy of that ballot title with this letter. As also required by Section 20A-7-308, we have entitled the referendum "Citizens' State Referendum Number 1."

We have complied with the statutory requirement to "prepare an impartial ballot title for the referendum summarizing the contents of the measure" in no more than 100 words. The measure that is the subject of the referendum petition circulated by petitioners is H.B. 148, Education Vouchers. H.B. 148 is also the subject of your certification and the Governor's May 9, 2007 executive order calling for a special election. Accordingly, the referendum on H.B. 148 is the subject of the ballot title.

As you are aware, during the 2007 General Session the Legislature also passed H.B. 174, Education Voucher Amendments. Like H.B. 148, H.B. 174 deals with the Parent Choice in Education Program. Unlike H.B. 148, however, H.B. 174 is not the subject of a referendum petition, your certification, or the special election called by the Governor. Therefore, the ballot title does not address H.B. 174. However, Section 20A-7-703 requires our Office to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure showing its effect on existing law and describing its operation. We will, therefore, consider the provisions enacted by H.B. 174, which are now law, in that impartial analysis, which is included in the voter information pamphlet that you provide under Section 20A-7-701.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed ballot title, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
Ballot Title
Petition

Citizens' State Referendum Number 1
Ballot Title

In February 2007, the Utah Legislature passed H.B. 148, Education Vouchers. This bill will take effect only if approved by voters. The bill:

- establishes a scholarship program for:
  - qualifying school-age children who newly enroll in eligible private schools; and
  - lower income school-age children who continue their enrollment in eligible private schools;
- provides for scholarships within that program of $500 to $3,000, depending on family size and income, increasing those scholarship amounts in future years; and
- allows school districts to retain some per-student funding for scholarship students who transfer to private schools.

Are you for or against H.B. 148 taking effect?