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Marijuana Campaign Submits Petitions for November Election

Columbus, OH – The Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol submitted 222,198 signatures of Ohio voters from all 88 counties to the Ohio Secretary of State today, exceeding the requirements for the issue to appear on the November 7, 2023, election ballot.

So far, twenty-three states across the nation have enacted measures to regulate marijuana for adult use, and the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol hopes Ohio will be the twenty-fourth.

“Our issue will authorize the possession and use of marijuana by adults 21 and over and provide a framework for the state to ensure proper regulation and fair taxation,” said Coalition spokesman Tom Haren.

“This isn’t ground-breaking,” continued Haren. “We’re just trying to get Ohio in line with neighbors like Michigan and Illinois.”

Implementing best practices learned from the states that already regulate marijuana sales, the citizen-initiated statute would authorize the Department of Commerce to regulate the industry and impose a new 10% tax on adult-use marijuana sales, generating new tax revenue to the state that will be reinvested into local communities throughout Ohio.

“We want to regulate marijuana in a manner similar to how the state regulates alcohol sales and consumption. We’re ready to end the prohibition and let Ohioans responsibly use marijuana just like people in half of the country already do. It’s just common sense.”

The Coalition will now wait for the Ohio Secretary of State and local Boards of Election to verify the signatures. Once the petitions are certified, the initiated statute will appear on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

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About the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol

The Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization that is working to legalize and regulate marijuana in Ohio. The Coalition is committed to ensuring that marijuana is regulated in a safe and responsible manner that protects public health and safety. For more information, please visit www.justlikealcohol.com.