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July 10, 2012

Mr. Derek A. McCoy 7484 Candlewood Road Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Mr. McCoy:

This is to certify that the statewide referendum petition you submitted on House Bill 438, Chapter 2 of the 2012 Session of the General Assembly, Civil Marriage Protection Act is legally sufficient and has satisfied the requirements to place the question on the November 2012 ballot. The State Board of Elections' ("SBE") review of the petitions you submitted reflects the following:

1st filing on May 29, 2012:

122,481 Signatures submitted per Information Page 109,313 Signatures accepted by SBE as of June 21, 2012 6,661 Signatures rejected as of June 21, 2012

2nd filing on June 25, 2012:

39,743 Signatures submitted per Information Page (No validation by SBE is planned for 2nd filing)

Because the number of accepted signatures already exceeds the 55,736 total needed for placing this Act on the November 2012 ballot, I have determined that final certification under § 6-208(b) of the Election Law Article is warranted at this time.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Linda H. Lamone Administrator