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Via Email (<u>Steven.Ward@SOS.STATE.CO.US</u>) and U.S. Mail

Honorable Scott Gessler Secretary of State 1700 Broadway, Suite 200 Denver, CO 80290

Attn: Steven Ward

Elections Division

Re: Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78, concerning religious freedom

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the proponents of Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78, Tom Minnery and Michael J. Norton, I hereby give notice of the withdrawal of Proposed Initiative 2011-2012 #78. The proponents will not be pursuing the petition process during this calendar year.

Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information. The

Sincerely,

Michael J. Norton

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cc: Tom Minnery

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