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**STATEMENT OF INSUFFICIENCY**

Proposed Initiative 2015-2016 #78 "Mandatory Setback for Oil and Gas Development"

August 29, 2016

On August 8, 2016, the proponents and designated representatives of Proposed Initiative 2015-2016 #78 ("Mandatory Setback for Oil and Gas Development") submitted 106,626 petition signatures to the Secretary of State. After reviewing a five-percent random sample of the submitted signatures, the Secretary of State projected the number of valid signatures to be lesser than 90 percent of the total number of signatures required for a line-by-line review.

**Random sample verification summary:**

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| Total number of qualified signatures submitted                    | 106,626       |
| 5% of qualified signatures submitted (random sample)              | 5,332         |
| Total number of entries accepted (valid) from the random sample   | 3,856         |
| Total number of entries rejected (invalid) from the random sample | 1,476         |
| Number of projected valid signatures from the random sample       | 77,109        |
| Total number of signatures required for placement on ballot       | 98,492        |
| Projected percentage of required valid signatures                 | <b>78.29%</b> |

Because the random sample verification established that the projected number of valid signatures totals 78.29 percent of the amount required for placement on the ballot, Proposed Initiative 2015-2016 #78 is insufficient and will not be certified to the 2016 general election ballot.

**Additional notes:**

*Potentially fraudulent signatures*

The petition processing team identified a petition section that contains several potentially forged signature lines. Although the Secretary of State does not conduct signature verification when reviewing petitions, our office has referred the questionable section to the Attorney General's office for investigation. The section, numbered 2109, had no lines marked for review in the random sample.

Dated August 29, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Wayne W. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Wayne W. Williams  
Colorado Secretary of State