

Lieutenant Governor Craig E. Campbell

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Clinton DesJarlais
9125 Jewel Terrace Street
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RE: Initiative application 10TSLA – THE SANCTITY OF LIFE IN ALASKA

Dear Mr. DesJarlais:

On August 23, 2010, I received your application for an initiative that you entitled "*The Sanctity of Life in Alaska*." I forwarded the application to the Division of Elections for verification of signatures and to the Department of Law for legal review.

The Division of Elections determined that 124 of the 171 signatures submitted were those of qualified voters. The application does have a sufficient number of sponsors to satisfy this portion of the application review under AS 15.45.030. The petition statistics report concerning these signatures prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

The Department of Law reviewed the application for compliance with AS 15.45.040. The department recommends that I decline to certify this initiative application on the grounds that the bill contains a prohibited subject and does not comply with AS 15.45.040. The Department of Law concluded that the application does not comply with the constitutional and statutory provisions governing the use of the initiative because the application proposes a law that is clearly unconstitutional. The blanket prohibition of all abortions in the State of Alaska is clearly unconstitutional and is therefore not a proper subject for use of the initiative process.

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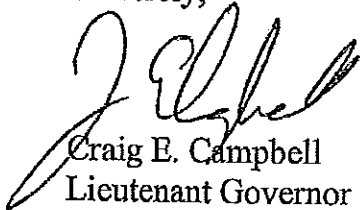
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Based on this recommendation, and in accordance with AS 15.45.080, I am denying certification of your initiative application. I have enclosed a copy of the opinion issued by the Department of Law.

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.240, "any person aggrieved by a determination made by the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.010 - AS 15.45.220 may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reviewed within 30 days of the date on which notice of the determination was given."

If you have further questions, please contact my special assistant, Scott Clark, at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,



Craig E. Campbell
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

Cc: Daniel S. Sullivan, Attorney General, Department of Law
Gail Fenumiai, Director, Division of Elections