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### BEFORE THE COLORADO BALLOT TITLE SETTING BOARD Celorado Secretary of State

Mark Grueskin, Objector,

vs.

Erin Behrens and Giuliana Day, Proponents.

### MOTION FOR REHEARING ON INITIATIVE 2019-2020 #121

Mark Grueskin, registered elector of the State of Colorado, objects to the Title Board's title and ballot title and submission clause set for Initiative 2019-20 #121.

## A. The titles set are inaccurate, misleading, fail to conform with the requirements of Colorado law, and do not inform voters of certain central elements of Initiative #121.

- 1. The single subject statement misstates the actual single subject of this measure which is to the state medical board is required to treat certain abortion-related acts as "unprofessional conduct" that result in a mandatory three-year license suspension for a licensed physician.
- 2. The single subject statement of the measure contains a misleading and inaccurate statement of the measure's exception.
- 3. The titles do not make clear how the definition "abortion" is changed by this measure in a significant manner, even though the titles must specify the #121's new definition of that term rather than simply stating that the measure defines "abortion."
- 4. The titles do not provide any summary of the new definition of "gestational age," even though the titles must specify the #121's new definition of that term rather than simply stating that the measure defines "gestational age."
- 5. The titles do not make refer to any of the key elements of the definition of "probable gestational age" (including "judgment of the physician," "reasonable probability," and "at the time an abortion is planned to be performed") that are pivotal to the measure's operation.
- 6. The titles are silent about the manner in which probable gestational age is assessed, including the fact that "probable gestational age" is to be determined in the way in which there is "reasonable probability" (a new legal standard in this context) concerning a determination of "gestational age."
- 7. The titles do not specify that a prohibited abortion is one that is either performed or attempted.
- 8. The titles do not state that there is no exception for an abortion that is attempted or performed due to the psychological or emotional condition of the mother.

- 9. The titles do not state that, based on the definition of the term, an "abortion" is a function of the any involved person's "intent" rather than the commission of the acts delineated.
- 10. The titles do not state that this statute is "self-executing" and thus will be effective without any legislative act to clarify one or more of the vague provisions included therein or define otherwise undefined terms that will determine the measure's reach.
- 11. The titles contain superfluous information specifically, that the measure defines "twenty-two weeks" making it more difficult for the Board to actually address all of the measure's central features.
- 12. The titles' phrase, "excepting medical procedures relating to miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy," is so vague as to be confusing to voters about what such procedures represent an exception from.

WHEREFORE, the titles set August 21, 2019 should be returned to the Proponents or the titles should be corrected to address material misrepresentations and a lack of necessary information about #121.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby affirm that a true and accurate copy of the **MOTION FOR REHEARING ON INITIATIVE 2019-2020 #121** was sent this day, July 10, 2019, via email to counsel for Proponents:

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