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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mike Mauer, Director Colorado Legislative Council Staff Room 029 State Capitol Building Denver, Colorado 80203 E-mail: <u>lcs.ga@state.co.us</u>

Dear Mr. Mauer:

Attached please find two draft initiatives, submitted for the 2012 ballot, dealing with actions related to religious belief. The designated representatives of this measure are:

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If you would direct all related correspondence to them, as required by law, but also provide copies to me, as their counsel, I would appreciate it. My address is:

Mark Grueskin, 2401 15th St., Ste. 300, Denver, CO 80202; <u>mgrueskin@hpgfirm.com</u> Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Grueskin

Religious Practices

Be it enacted by the voters of the State of Colorado:

Section 4 of article II of the Colorado Constitution is amended to read:

Section 4. Religious freedom. The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever hereafter be guaranteed; and no person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his opinions concerning religion; but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be construed to dispense with oaths or affirmations, excuse acts of licentiousness or justify practices inconsistent with the good order, peace or safety of the state. No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship, religious sect or denomination against his consent. Nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship. IN ASSESSING WHETHER GOVERNMENT HAS BURDENED FREEDOM OF RELIGION, A PERSON'S OR A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION'S RIGHT TO ACT IN A MANNER MOTIVATED BY A SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEF IS THE ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES IN THE PRIVACY OF A PERSON'S HOME OR IN THE PRIVACY OF A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION'S ESTABLISHED PLACE OF WORSHIP. SIMILARLY, A PERSON'S OR A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION'S REFUSAL TO ACT IN A MANNER MOTIVATED BY A SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEF IS THE ABILITY TO REJECT RELIGIOUS PRACTICES IN THE PRIVACY OF A PERSON'S HOME OR IN THE PRIVACY OF A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION'S ESTABLISHED PLACE OF WORSHIP.

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