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RE: Complaints Relating To The Proposed Initiated Amendment Establishing  
A Right To Abortion In The State Constitution

Dear Sponsor Weiland:

In your capacity as the sponsor to "An Initiated Amendment Establishing A Right To Abortion In The State Constitution," I am writing regarding complaints and concerns that have been raised during the petition process. I am making you aware of the complaints and to provide you an opportunity to address them in order to avoid or lesson potential challenges during the petition certification process.

The Attorney General's Office has received video and photographic evidence purporting to show unattended petitions. As you are aware, South Dakota law requires each petition circulator to sign a verification attesting among other items that the circulator personally circulated the petition. See SDCL 2-1-10.

The Attorney General's Office has also received evidence including video indicating petition signatories may be signing more than once. As you are aware, SDCL § 2-1-6 makes it a criminal offense for a person, who knows that they have already signed a constitutional amendment, to sign another petition for the same constitutional amendment.

Finally, the Attorney General's Office has received evidence of petition circulators providing misleading information to the public. As you are aware, SDCL 2-1-1.1 sets forth initiated constitutional amendment petition requirements. South Dakota law requires that each petition circulator shall provide to each person who signs a petition, a form containing the title and explanation of the initiated amendment to the constitution as prepared by the