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The Honorable William Francis Galvin Secretary of the Commonwealth One Ashburton Place, 17th Floor Boston, MA 02108

Dear Secretary Galvin:

You have asked for my opinion whether chapter 135 of the acts of 2024, "An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws," may be the subject of a referendum petition under Amendment Article 48 of the Massachusetts Constitution. Your request arises because a referendum petition signed by ten qualified voters calling for the repeal of chapter 135 was filed with your office in timely fashion.

I have reviewed the petition and have concluded that chapter 135 is not excluded from the referendum by any provision of art. 48. I therefore enclose the "fair, concise summary" required by Amendment Article 48.

Sincerely,

Andrea Joy Campbell

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