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Appeal from Ballot Title Setting Board

Ballot Initiative 2012-2014-129; Definition of "Fee"

In Re: Title and Ballot Initiative 2012-2014-129;

Definition of "Fee"

ANTHONY MILO,

Petitioner,

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PETER COULTER and LISA BRUMFIEL,

Proponents and Respondents,

and

Title Board: SUZANNE STAIERT, DANIEL DOMENICO,

and JASON GELLENDER.

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CASE NO. **2014SA135** 

PROPONENTS RESPONSE BRIEF TO SECRETARY OF STATE TITLE BOARD AND ANTHONY MILO, PETITIONER

Peter Coulter and Lisa Brumfiel, Proponents and Respondents (hereinafter "Proponents") of Ballot Initiative 2012-2014 #129, Definition of "fee"; respectfully submit their Response Brief to the Secretary of State Title Board and Mr. Anthony Milo, Petitioner/Objector, as follows:

1. The Proponents adapt and concur with the opening brief and any response brief of the Title Board as presented by the Colorado Attorney General as though fully written herein.

## RESPONSE TO MR. MILO'S CONTENTION THAT THE INITIATIVE CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT.

2. Any Constitutional Ballot Initiative by its very nature affects everyone in the state and because it is part of the Constitution; takes precedent over

every current law and relevant Court findings. Yes, every Ballot Initiative is necessarily broad; but that does not mean it contains more than one subject. Ballot Initiative 129 sets a standard for the definition of "fee" as determined by the United States Supreme Court. That definition was skewed by the Colorado Supreme Court in the 2007 case of Barber v. Ritter. Ballot Initiative 129 contains a simple single subject that defines official use of fee in public governmental uses. It does not affect non-public uses of the definition of fee. And while Mr. Milo contends that there is more than one subject, he fails to present any example in the in the Initiative showing such language. Again, just because the effect of the Initiative may be broad is not for the Title Board Their only concern to decide. is that Initiative contains only one subject so the voter is not confused on what he //she is voting on. The

Board voted unanimously that Ballot Initiative 129 was/is a single subject.

## DID THE TITLE BOARD SET A TITLE THAT MISLEADS THE VOTER?

3.Mr. Milo's second argument is that the Board set a title that is misleading because it doesn't set every specific item it would/could possible affect. As the Proponent has stated earlier; the Title Board set the Title without any input by the Proponents. And they did so by unanimous vote. The Proponents agree with the Title Board that the Initiative presents a clear question to the voter whether the definition of "fee" as presented by Initiative 129; and as defined by the United States Supreme Court should be incorporated into the Colorado Constitution.

## CONCLUSION

4. As unanimously decided by the Title Board; the Initiative contains a single subject and as exclusively written and unanimously decided by said Board, the Title setting is clear and simple for the voter to decide whether the Initiatives definition of fee should be incorporated into the Colorado Constitution.

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Respectfully submitted this 2

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