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RE: Colorado Proposition 115 – “Prohibition on Late-Term Abortions”

Director Eubanks & Director Mullis:

Thank you very much for your assistance in working through the unintended and inadvertent failure to include Abortion Access For All (“AAFA”), the registered issue committee opposing Proposition 115, in the Blue Book drafting process. We recognize the substantial volume of communications your offices receive regarding the Blue Book and understand that our initial comments were overlooked without any intention to do so.

AAFA initially submitted the attached responses to the Office of Legislative Council’s questions regarding Proposition 115 on June 26, 2020. Neither the first nor the second drafts of the Blue Book appear to have incorporated our responses and we remain uncertain as to the source of the statements included in the “Arguments Against” section. That said, and having reviewed the first and second drafts of that section, AAFA requests that you consider replacing the present language, in its entirety, with the following:

This measure is a one-size-fits all ban that criminalizes abortion at 22 weeks and dictates personal medical decisions that should be left to patients and their doctors. It forces a woman to continue a pregnancy with no exceptions for rape, incest, risks to the woman’s health, or a lethal fetal diagnosis where the baby will not survive outside the womb. Every pregnancy is unique. Mandating healthcare decisions hurts Colorado families as they navigate complex medical situations. Decisions around pregnancy are best made by a woman and her family, in consultation with her doctors and in accordance with her faith.

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As the sole issue committee registered to oppose Proposition 115, AAFA believes that, as contemplated by Colo. Const. Art. V, § 1 (7.5) (a) (II), this statement accurately and succinctly describes the major arguments against the Proposition that we will be presenting to voters for their consideration. Without casting any aspersion upon whomever provided the “Arguments Against” that appear in the first and second drafts, that language does not accurately describe the arguments in opposition to the Proposition that AAFA will present to voters. We therefore request that the “Arguments Against” section be amended to include the language we have provided above.

Again, we thank you very much for assisting us in overcoming a process error that we recognize was entirely inadvertent and we greatly appreciate your consideration of the amended language we have proposed. We will attend the hearing set for Thursday morning and will be happy to address any questions you have regarding our proposed revision to the second draft at that time.

Sincerely,

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