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October 24, 2022

Honorable Steve Barnett
Secretary of State
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Attorney General's Statement (Initiated Measure: Sales Tax on Eating and Drinking)

Dear Secretary Barnett,

Enclosed is a copy of a proposed initiated measure, in final form, that the sponsor submitted to this Office. In accordance with state law, I hereby file the enclosed *draft* Attorney General's Statement for the purposes of receiving public comment on the same.

By copy of this letter, I am providing a copy of the *draft* Statement to the sponsor.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Vargo
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INITIATED MEASURE

SD Secretary of State

DRAFT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT

Title: An Initiated Measure Prohibiting Taxes on Anything Sold for Eating or Drinking.

Explanation:

Currently, the state collects tax on the sale or use of certain foods or drinks. Many municipalities also collect tax on the sale or use of foods or drinks.

This initiated measure prohibits the state, or municipalities, from collecting sales or use tax on anything sold for eating or drinking by humans. The measure eliminates these sources of revenue.

The measure does not prohibit the collection of sales or use tax on alcoholic beverages or prepared food. Prepared food is defined by law to include food that is sold heated or with utensils.

Judicial or legislative clarification of the measure may be necessary.

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