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**Re: Ballot Title for State Question 836, Initiative Petition 448**

Dear Secretary Lepak:

On February 3, 2026, I notified you that the proposed ballot title for the above-referenced State Question did not comply with applicable law. In accordance with 34 O.S.Supp.2025, § 9(D)(1), I have prepared the attached Ballot Title.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gentner Drummond".

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## BALLOT TITLE FOR STATE QUESTION NO. 836

This measure establishes, in the Oklahoma Constitution, an "open primary" system for regular and special elections for state officers, county officers, district attorneys, Members of the Legislature, and Members of Congress. All candidates for these offices would appear on the same primary ballot regardless of party affiliation or whether any party nominated or endorsed the candidates. Candidates would appear on the ballot in random order, and a candidate's party registration or independent status as of the filing date would appear next to their name. Ballots would state that a candidate's party registration does not imply nomination or endorsement by the party. A voter may vote for one candidate per office only. The two candidates receiving the most votes would advance to the general election, regardless of party affiliation, meaning a general election could involve candidates from only one party. If only two candidates seek an office, then those candidates would proceed to the general election. The measure would repeal article 3, section 3 of the Constitution, which currently allows the Legislature to create and alter the primary system. The measure would invalidate any conflicting state law and remove legislative control over primaries. The measure would only authorize laws to implement the new system, like the process for when a candidate cannot participate in the general election. The measure could only be altered by a subsequent constitutional measure. Recognized political parties would still nominate Presidential Elector candidates at their conventions. Independent candidates for President could also petition to be on the ballot. The measure would become effective ninety days following approval and would not apply to any election if the candidate filing period begins prior to the measure's approval. Because the top two candidates proceed to the general election, runoffs would be eliminated, resulting in decreased government spending to conduct elections.

Shall the proposal be approved?

For the proposal – YES

Against the proposal – NO