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The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 2, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Dan Viets regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 13 (2014-082). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the production, sale, distribution, and consumption of marijuana and hemp products by persons at least 21 years old;
- permit the state to establish a tax and authorize regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana;
- change criminal provisions for marijuana offenses and allow individuals who have certain marijuana-related offenses to apply to have the records relating to the offenses expunged; and

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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