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The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
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Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated November 25, 2015, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Brad Bradshaw regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article XV of the Missouri Constitution (2016-128). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes, and create regulations and licensing procedures for marijuana and marijuana facilities;
- impose a 75 percent tax on the retail sale of marijuana, and a 10 percent tax on the wholesale sale of marijuana to licensed facilities; and
- use funds from these taxes to establish and fund a state research institute to conduct research with the purpose of developing cures and treatments for cancer and other incurable diseases or medical conditions?

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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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