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OPINION LETTER NO. 55-2016

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 15, 2016, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution, version 37 (2016-160). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- establish limits on campaign contributions that candidates for statewide, state legislative, and local office can accept from individuals or entities;
- establish a limit on gifts that statewide elected officials, state legislators, their immediate families and certain government employees, and locally elected government officials, can accept from lobbyists;

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- prohibit statewide elected officials, state legislators, and their employees, from serving as paid lobbyists for a period of time; and
- prohibit sexual harassment by statewide elected officials, state legislators, and their employees?

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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Attorney General