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OPINION LETTER NO. 181-2016

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 November 30, 2016, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Damien Johnson (2018-055).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.4, RSMo, the Secretary of State

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is authorized to review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
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