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OPINION LETTER NO. 24-2017

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 December 22, 2016, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Emily Waggoner regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution (2018-061). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- prohibit discrimination in employment based on race, color, age, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry; and
- exempt entities owned and operated by religious organizations?

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

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construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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

**CHRIS KOSTER**  
Attorney General