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OPINION LETTER NO. 102-2017

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

Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 23, 2017, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Natalie Meyer (2018-127).

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 comply with § 116.050.2(1), RSMo, in that it does not “[c]ontain all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter show underlined.”
3. The petition does not comply with § 116.050.2(2), RSMo, in that it does not “[i]nclude all sections of existing law . . . which would be repealed by the measure.”

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



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