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OPINION LETTER NO. 189-2017

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 March 8, 2017, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Winston Apple regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 192, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2018-150). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

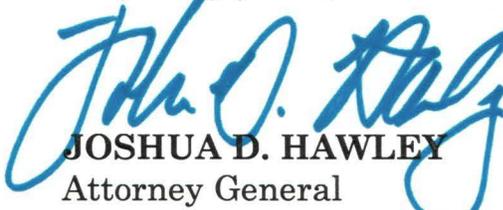
Shall Missouri law be amended to create a state-run health insurance cooperative provided through the Department of Health and Senior Services, allowing Missouri citizens the choice to participate in the state-run health cooperative that only provides coverage for treatment and procedures deemed medically necessary by the Department of Health and Senior Services; and with premiums and out-of-pocket maximums to be adjusted annually based on a participant's income?

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,



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