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OPINION LETTER NO. 191-2017

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 constitutional amendment to amend Article III, Section 39 of the Missouri Constitution (2018-152). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

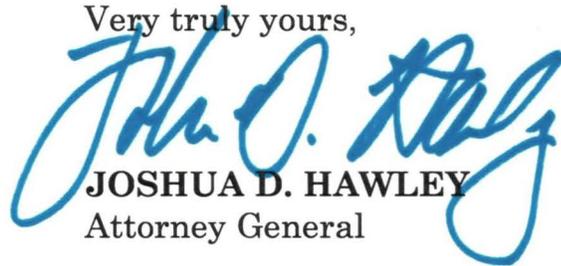
Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to give any county, city, town, or village the right to require employers to pay a minimum wage or employment benefit that exceeds federal or state law, rules, or regulations, regardless of any action of the Missouri general assembly?

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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