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OPINION LETTER NO. 216-2017

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 21, 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 of the Missouri Constitution (2018-162). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do the People of Missouri want to change the Constitution to prohibit any alterations, amendments, or repeals to voter approved initiative ballot measures by the Missouri General Assembly unless those alterations, amendments, or repeals are also approved by the voters?

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

Very truly yours,

  
JOSHUA D. HAWLEY  
Attorney General