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The Honorable John R. Ashcroft
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated March 24, 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 128, Revised Statutes of Missouri, Section 005 (2018-164). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do the People of Missouri want to change the law to create a compact with other states that requires the member states to commit their electoral votes for President of the United States to the candidate who receives the most overall votes (national popular vote); this compact would become effective when the states in the compact have more than 269 electoral votes?

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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