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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 April 10, 2017, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Damien Johnson regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (2018-172). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

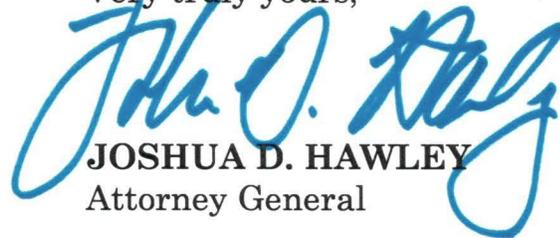
Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to release all individuals from incarceration, parole and probation if convicted only of non-violent cannabis (marijuana) related crimes; remove state prohibitions on the possession, production and sale of marijuana for personal use for minors and adults, but prohibit the sale of medical marijuana for personal use; and provide for regulation and licensure of medical marijuana dispensaries, including requiring verification of a patient registry number provided by the government, before providing medical marijuana to patients?

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

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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,



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