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The Honorable John R. Ashcroft
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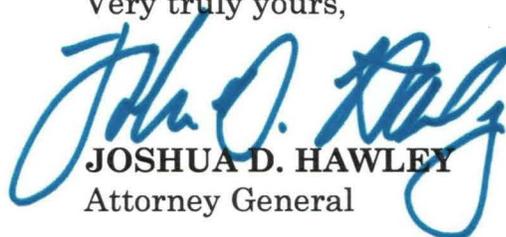
Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated April 26, 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 I of the Missouri Constitution (2018-190). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution, which currently guarantees the right to farm and ranch, to specifically include growing cannabis (marijuana) and hemp?

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,


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