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OPINION LETTER NO. 317-2017

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 May 3, 2017, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Richard Von Glahn regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 290, Revised Statutes of Missouri, version 4 (2018-199). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

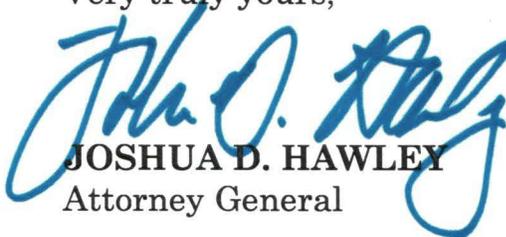
Do you want to amend Missouri law to:

- increase the state minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour with \$1.00 per hour increase each year until 2023, when the state minimum wage would be \$13.00 per hour;
- increase the employer portion of tipped employee wages (each year until 2024) from 50% of minimum wage to 60% of minimum wage;
- exempt government employers from the above increases;

- increase the penalty for paying employees less than the minimum wage; and
- allow any county or city to require employers to pay a minimum wage higher than required by state or federal law?

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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