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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 May 5, 2017, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Doug Burlison regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (2018-218). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

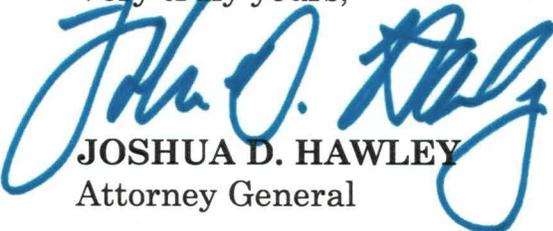
Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- legally allow people to drive under the influence of marijuana (cannabis);
- remove state prohibitions on the possession, cultivation, and sale of marijuana for personal or medical use regardless of age;
- release all individuals from incarceration, parole and probation if convicted only of nonviolent marijuana related crimes;

- remove state prohibitions on commercial cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of marijuana;
- destroy all state civil and criminal records of nonviolent marijuana related crimes;
- prohibit Missouri assisting enforcement of federal marijuana offenses; and
- prohibit the taxation of physician recommended medical marijuana?

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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