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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 Wayne Baker regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (2018-221). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

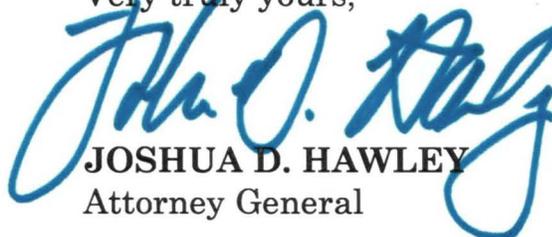
Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to prohibit the legislature or any other state government entity or official from:

- financing, acquiring, constructing, maintaining, improving, reconstructing, or operating toll roads and toll facilities (facilities, structures, or appurtenances paid for in whole or in part from revenues collected from tolls, fees, rent, or other charges imposed for the use of the facility);
- relocating or incorporating any public road or bridge into a toll road or toll facility; and

- transferring all or part of a public road or bridge to another entity for operation as a toll road or toll facility?

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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