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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 Damien Johnson regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (2018-222). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- prohibit any new state or local sales, use, or transaction-based tax on services and transactions without voter approval;
- prohibit funding sports and entertainment facilities and recreation centers without voter approval;
- prohibit expanding, extending, or modifying current or future bonds and tax credits for funding sports and entertainment facilities and recreation centers without voter approval;

- prohibit unelected government bodies from funding sports and entertainment facilities; and
- prohibit unelected government bodies from bringing a lawsuit regarding these prohibitions?

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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