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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 22, 2017, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Charles Jones regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (2018-223). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

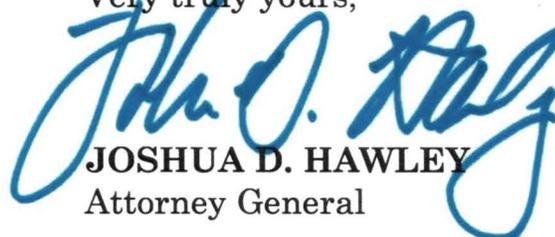
Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- remove state prohibitions on the possession, growth and sale of cannabis (marijuana) for personal or medical use by anyone 18 years and older;
- remove state prohibitions on marijuana possession by anyone under 18;
- remove state prohibitions on marijuana use by anyone under 18 if the minor has parental or legal guardian consent or a physician's recommendation;

- release people incarcerated for nonviolent marijuana related crimes unless the person has additional time to serve for another dissimilar offense; and
- prohibit using state funds to assist in federal marijuana offense enforcement?

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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