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OPINION LETTER NO. 362-2017

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 July 17, 2017, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Gerald Peterson, version 2 (2018-245).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

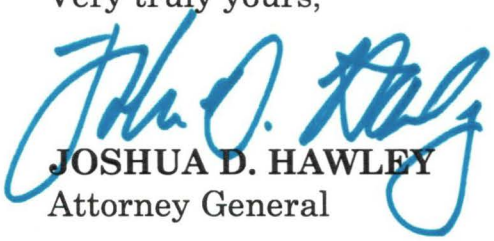
1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.

2. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine whether additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.4, RSMo, the Secretary of

State is authorized to review this opinion and "make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition."

Very truly yours,



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