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OPINION LETTER NO. 387-2017

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 August 15, 2017, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Steven Reed regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV, Section 54 of the Missouri Constitution (2018-248). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

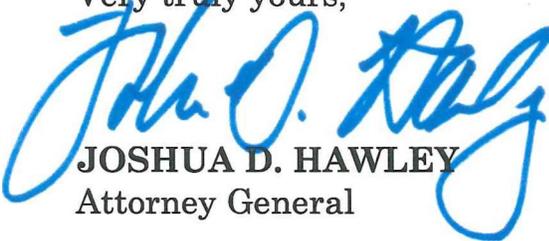
Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- allow the general assembly to change what sales/use taxes are applied to;
- increase the state sales/use tax by one-tenth of one percent for a period of one year to be used solely for the promotion and development of technology parks in Missouri;
- allow cities to apply to the state for certified technology park status; and

- allow counties and cities to place before voters the question of having a technology park in their community?

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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