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The Honorable John R. Ashcroft
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated October 6, 2017, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Gerald Peterson regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 208, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2018-275). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend Missouri law to:

- expand benefits under the MO HealthNet Program to any person age 19 to 64, who is not otherwise eligible, but who qualifies for MO HealthNet services under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (“Obamacare”), and who has income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level plus 5% of the applicable family size per federal regulation; and
- for the people covered under the expansion, require the reimbursement rate to MO HealthNet providers to be comparable to commercial reimbursement payment levels?

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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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