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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 March 29, 2018, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by James Owen regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 393, Revised Statutes of Missouri, version 2 (2018-359). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend Missouri law to:
--increase the requirement that certain electric utilities generate or purchase electricity from renewable energy sources from the current 10% of retail sales and 15% by 2021, to 20% by 2020, with incremental increase to at least 40% by 2035;
--allow this requirement to be met using energy savings due to energy efficiency or consumer demand modifications; and
--remove the ability of the electric utilities to meet this requirement by using renewable energy credits unless the credits are associated with electricity sold to Missouri customers?

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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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