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OPINION LETTER NO. 13-2019

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 January 7, 2019, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Theodis Brown, (2020-031).

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; and 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."

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."

The Honorable John R. Ashcroft

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric S. Schmitt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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