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OPINION LETTER NO. 138-2019

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 July 12, 2019, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Mark Pedersen regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

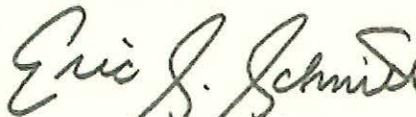
- repeal all current medical marijuana (cannabis) provisions;
- remove state prohibitions on possession, consumption, cultivation, and sale of marijuana for personal or medical use, regardless of age;
- legally allow driving while under the influence of marijuana;
- release all individuals from incarceration, parole and probation if convicted only of nonviolent marijuana-related crimes;
- remove state prohibitions on commercial cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of marijuana;
- destroy all state civil and criminal records of nonviolent marijuana-related crimes;
- prohibit Missouri assisting enforcement of federal marijuana offenses; and
- prohibit the taxation of physician-recommended medical marijuana?

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

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eric S. Schmitt".

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General