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OPINION LETTER NO. 182-2019

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 August 22, 2019, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Winston Apple regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article III of the Missouri Constitution (2020-103). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to prohibit the General Assembly from altering, amending, or repealing a statute that was approved by the voters through the initiative process unless the General Assembly submits the proposed changes to the voters and the changes are approved by a majority of the voters?

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

**ERIC S. SCHMITT**  
Attorney General