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OPINION LETTER NO. 19-2019

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 8, 2019, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Michael Louis regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 2 (2020-013). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

- Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:
- prohibit any law or ordinance that would impair, restrict or limit the negotiation and enforcement of any collectively bargained agreement with an employer respecting financial support by employees of their labor union according to the terms of the agreement; and
 - protect the right of employers to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing?

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

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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 black ink, reading "Eric S. Schmitt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "E" and "S".

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Attorney General