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OPINION LETTER NO. 219-2019

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 October 4, 2019, 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 (2020-114). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend Missouri law regarding the renewable energy standard applicable to investor-owned electric utilities as follows:

- increase the minimum renewable energy amount from the existing 15% of retail sales in 2021 to 20% by 2022, 27% by 2025, 35% by 2028, 42% by 2031, and 50% by 2035;
- only allow the use of renewable energy credits if they are associated with electricity the utility sold to Missouri customers; and
- require each utility to purchase at least half of the renewable energy used to meet the standard from resources it does not own?

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

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Attorney General