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OPINION LETTER NO. 11-2020

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 February 7, 2020, 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, version 1, (2020-142). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

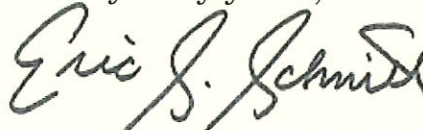
Do you want to amend Missouri law regarding the renewable energy standard for investor-owned electric utilities as follows:

- increase the minimum renewable energy amount from the current 15% of retail sales in 2021 to 20% by 2025, with incremental increases to 40% by 2040;
- increase the solar energy minimum from the current 2% to 5% by 2025;
- eliminate the solar rebate program; and
- only allow the use of renewable energy credits that are associated with electricity the utility produced or purchased?

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, prominent initial "E".

**ERIC S. SCHMITT**  
Attorney General