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OPINION LETTER NO. 13-2020

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:

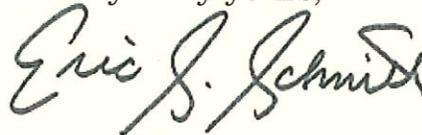
This opinion letter responds to your request dated February 7, 2020, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by James Owen regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 393, version 3, (2020-144). The proposed summary statement is as 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 2022, with incremental increases to 50% by 2040;
- eliminate the solar rebate program;
- require utilities to purchase solar credits for ten years from customers with solar panels;
- increase the solar energy minimum from the current 2% to 5%; and
- only allow the use of renewable energy credits that are associated with electricity the utility sold to Missouri customers?

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 "E" and "S".

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General