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OPINION LETTER NO. 1-2022

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 7, 2022 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Austin Shaffer, 2022-080. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- clarify the Federal Government's duty to uphold the rights of Missouri Citizens under the United States Constitution including the Bill of Rights and all other provisions;
- identify breaches by the Federal Government; and
- allow the State of Missouri to become a "separate administrative region" of the state of Texas, while retaining its status as a state of the United States of America as the legislature and governor of this State may lawfully determine best?

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,

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Attorney General