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OPINION LETTER NO. 11-2024

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 April 9, 2024, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Deirdre Hirner, 2024-174. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend Missouri law to:

- create a Childhood Cancer Treatment and Prevention Fund by imposing an additional tax of ten cents on tobacco cigarettes beginning January 1, 2025;
- require the fund to be used exclusively for the treatment and prevention of childhood cancers and be administered by the Children's Trust Fund Board;
- prohibit any money to be used for abortion or research which is banned by Missouri law; and
- require the state auditor to perform an annual audit and every three years provide a comprehensive report to the governor, general assembly and the public?

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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