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OPINION LETTER NO. 113-2021

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 August 27, 2021 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by David Roland, version 2, (2022-052). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to change the requirements for statewide office, Missouri General Assembly and United States Congress such that:

- candidates run in non-partisan elections and are listed on a single ballot with only those receiving the four highest vote totals to be listed on the general election ballot;
- candidates pay a one hundred dollar filing fee to the Secretary of State's Office and pay no filing fee to a political party; and
- the winning candidate is determined by ranked choice voting?

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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