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OPINION LETTER NO. 145-2023

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 24, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Richard Speidel, 2024-044. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to allow any city, town, village or municipality containing more than ten thousand inhabitants including incorporated and unincorporated cities and towns and all counties to enact ordinances or regulations which establish and enforce standards or requirements relating to a workplace, employment, affordable housing, predatory lending, safety and environmental matters but shall not apply to employees of the state, to public works undertaken by the state, to purchases by the state, to land, housing, or facilities owned by the state or to corporations owned or operated by the state and other political subdivisions?

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,

ANDREW BAILEY Attorney General