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OPINION LETTER NO. 176-2021

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 December 23, 2021 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Michael Phoenix, 2022-079. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- enact the legal authoritative power to all individuals to self-determine the need for any and all medical interventions, treatment or any manner of physical, mental, or emotional therapies or procedures;
- require all manners of medical consent to remain solely with the individual without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior forms of constraint or coercion; and
- restrict government entities from mandating, compelling, or enforcing any type of medical intervention or therapy on individuals for any reason and all medical history shall be confidential?

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 blue ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

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