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OPINION LETTER NO. 23-2021

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 February 19, 2021 for our review under § 116.332, RSMo of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Chapter 407, Revised Statutes of Missouri, submitted by Matthew Vitale, 2022-015.

We approve the petition as to form, but § 116.332 gives the Secretary of State final authority to approve or reject the petition. Therefore, our approval of the form of the petition does not preclude you from rejecting the petition.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine whether additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.4, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

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Attorney General