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OPINION LETTER NO. 264-2023

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 April 20, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Winston Apple, 2024-099. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- allow all consenting adults regardless of gender the right to marriage;
- allow parents or legal guardians to seek gender-affirming care or counseling with regard to gender identification and/or sexual orientation for minors;
- allow health care providers, ministers and clergy, and educators to provide counsel to minors seeking guidance and/or comfort with regard to matters relating to gender identification and sexual orientation; and
- allow the freedom to express and act upon individual sexual orientation so long as these rights does not infringe upon the rights to do the same?

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, appearing to read "Andrew Bailey", written over a blue ink stamp of the signature.

ANDREW BAILEY
Attorney General