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OPINION LETTER NO. 277-2023

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 May 16, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Madeline Smith, 2024-105. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Commission on Human Rights laws to expand the commonly understood definition for the word sex to include sexual orientation and gender identity?

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