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OPINION LETTER NO. 284-2023

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 June 15, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Mark Pedersen, 2024-112. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- remove marijuana from the list of controlled substances and consider it a food not a drug;
- remove all marijuana government oversight and regulations;
- remove special taxes and reporting on all marijuana consumption, purchases or sales;
- eliminate special zoning requirements for marijuana farmers, manufacturers, processors and distributors; eliminate restrictions on all commercial marijuana regulations and oversight;
- allow for personal marijuana cultivation for family, friends or neighbors to grow and share;
- eliminate any restriction on where marijuana can be consumed; and
- eliminate the age requirements for marijuana usage?

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,


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