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OPINION LETTER NO. 3-2022

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 January 7, 2022 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Austin Shaffer, 2022-082. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- establish parental rights for parents of minor children without obstruction or interference from the state, political subdivisions, governmental entities or any other institutions;
- allow parents to direct minor children's education and care including religious and moral upbringing;
- provide parents access and review all school records related to minor children; and
- allow parents to make health care decisions and access and review of medical records related to minor children unless prohibited by law or if the parent is the subject of an investigation of a crime committed against the minor child?

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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