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OPINION LETTER NO. 313-2023

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 August 2, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Jimmie Edwards, 2024-115. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- authorize for the regulation by ordinance of the possession, carrying or transfer of firearms, to apply to any individual within any county and cities of Kansas City and St. Louis with exemptions;
- authorize any county and cities of St. Louis and Kansas City to pass ordinances which could supersede the Second Amendment Preservation Act;
- require a referendum vote of any ordinance except in Jackson and St. Louis counties and cities; and
- authorize ordinances which allow for the seizure of firearms by law enforcement under certain circumstances?

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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