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OPINION LETTER NO. 322-2023

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 23, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Paul Berry III, 2024-119. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- prohibit any municipality, county or subdivision of the state from passing any rule, regulation, ordinance, or law that would regulate the right of any citizen to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such arms; and
- prohibit any person under the age of 18 from possessing any firearm within the state, unless such possession is under emergency circumstances, by a member of the United States Armed Forces, with permission of a parent/guardian, or under the direct supervision of a person over the age of 25?

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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