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OPINION LETTER NO. 34-2021

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 March 24, 2021 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Matt Vitale (2022-015). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend Missouri law to:

- require that manufacturers of digital electronic equipment make available to owners of such equipment, or independent repair providers, documents, parts and tools for any embedded software that does not divulge a trade secret; and
- allow owners and independent repair providers to file a complaint in court against manufacturers who fail to do so; and
- require the Attorney General to enforce these requirements on equipment sold or in use on or after January 1, 2023?

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

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