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OPINION LETTER NO. 385-2023

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 October 4, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Jamie Corley, 2024-130. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- nullify Missouri laws protecting the right to life, which conflict with these constitutional changes;
- allow abortions up to a fetal gestational age of twelve weeks without government interference in the case of rape or sexual assault, incest, fatal fetal abnormality or risk to the health/safety of the mother;
- prohibit abortions regarding an alleged rape or sexual assault unless reported to a specific crisis hotline; and
- limit criminal prosecution or civil penalty of any person who performs, assists or provides support to induce, seek or obtain an abortion in any state?

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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