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OPINION LETTER NO. 39-2021

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 April 2, 2021 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Winston Apple, 2022-017. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to provide that:

- all eligible voters may submit a proxy form to one member of the house of representatives and one senator naming them as their designated representative;
- allow each senator and representative to have weighted votes on all matters that come before the general assembly based on the number of proxies, with the exception to override a governor's veto; and
- voters may submit a new proxy form designating a different representative and/or senator as their representative(s) at any time but no more than once in any calendar year for each office?

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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