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OPINION LETTER NO. 399-2023

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 18, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Greta Bax, 2024-139. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- remove a person's current statutory right to conceal and carry a firearm without a permit;
- make it a class E Felony for any person who conceals and carries a firearm without a permit from the county sheriff where they reside;
- require applicants to pass a background check and meet permitting requirements that exist in law on January 1, 2023; and
- allow sheriffs to charge a permit fee up to one hundred dollars?

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,

ANDREW BAILEY
Attorney General