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OPINION LETTER NO. 400-2023

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, 2024-140. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- overrule a law-abiding citizen's current statutory right to sell a firearm and the people's right to keep and bear arms;
- prohibit any person from selling a firearm to another person, including at gun shows and private sales, unless a licensed firearms dealer first conducts a background check with both the buyer and seller present; and
- penalize any person who violates this process starting with a class A misdemeanor for the first violation, class E felony for second violation and class D felony for third and subsequent violations?

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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