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OPINION LETTER NO. 403-2023

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, 2024-143. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- allow the state to prohibit persons from possessing, using, purchasing, manufacturing or otherwise receiving a firearm without due process;
- allow a court petition to be filed with a sworn statement or affidavit providing specific facts forming the basis of allegations for issuance of a protection order due to the extreme risk of the person causing personal injury or death to himself/herself or another person; and
- allow the petition to be filed by specific family members, law enforcement or a designee, city or county attorney, mental health professionals or school officials?

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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Attorney General