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OPINION LETTER NO. 42-2024

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 December 17, 2024 for our review under § 116.332, RSMo of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Katherine Floyd, Ch. 213, 2026-013.

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

- failure to correctly address the signature sheet to the current secretary of state as required in Section 116.040;
- failure to correctly identify the petition on the signature sheet as a proposed change to the Missouri Revised Statutes rather than an amendment to the Missouri Constitution as required by Section 116.040.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine whether additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.4, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,



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Attorney General