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OPINION LETTER NO. 43-2021

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 23, 2021 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Mark Pedersen, 2022-023. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- repeal all current medical marijuana (cannabis) provisions;
- remove state prohibitions on possession, consumption, cultivation, and sale of marijuana for personal or medical use, regardless of age;
- legally allow driving under the influence of marijuana;
- release all individuals from incarceration, parole and probation from any conviction for a nonviolent marijuana-related crime;
- remove state prohibitions on cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of marijuana;
- destroy all state civil and criminal records of nonviolent marijuana-related crimes;
- prohibit Missouri assisting enforcement of federal marijuana offenses; and
- prohibit the taxation of physician-recommended medical marijuana?

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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