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OPINION LETTER NO. 5-2022

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 January 10, 2022 for our review under § 116.332, RSMo of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by William Bolch, 2022-084.

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

1. The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
2. Failure to comply with Section 116.050.2(2) by not copying the full and correct text of the measure in that it does not “Include all sections of existing law or of the constitution which would be repealed by the measure.”

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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