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OPINION LETTER NO. 69-2025

The Honorable Denny Hoskins 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 May 19, 2025 for our review under § 116.332, RSMo of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Jamie Howard, Article III, version 4, 2026-051

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

failure to correctly address the signature sheet to the current secretary of state as required in 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,

ANDREW BAILEY Attorney General

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