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OPINION LETTER NO. 84-2021

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 July 6, 2021 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Austin Shaffer, 2022-036. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- include the Federal Bill of Rights as part of the Missouri Constitution and be known as the Missouri Bill of Rights;
- specifically prohibit involuntary servitude; and
- include the complete Federal Constitution without federal court decisions or precedents interpreting the constitution and become effective only if the United States collapses or Missouri lawfully ceases to be a part of the United States of America?

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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