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OPINION LETTER NO. 54-2021

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 May 14, 2021 for our review under § 116.332, RSMo of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Austin Shaffer, 2022-034.

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

1. The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reason 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Eric S. Schmitt", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General