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OPINION LETTER NO. 32-2015

The Honorable Jason Kander  
Missouri Secretary of State  
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center  
600 West Main Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated March 13, 2015, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Jill Carter regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 1 (2016-021). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- prohibit any law that interferes with parents' decisions regarding their children, including custody, upbringing, education, religious instruction, discipline, physical and mental health care, and place of habitation; and
- prohibit all government entities from pursuing any action that does not allow parents to make those decisions, unless the decision threatens clear, immediate, and substantial physical injury to the child?

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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,



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