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OPINION LETTER NO. 34-2015

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 Stacy Shore regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IX of the Missouri Constitution, version 1 (2016-026). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- limit the duties of the state board of education, placing certain duties with local public school districts;
- prohibit the state board from requiring schools or school districts to take any action, administer any test, or implement any policy; and
- grant each school district the authority to determine teacher and administrator qualifications, student curriculum, and requirements for students to advance from one grade to the next?

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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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