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The Honorable Eric S. Schmitt
Attorney General
Supreme Court Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Proposed summary statement for a constitutional amendment to Article VI (2020-042)

Dear Attorney General Schmitt:

Pursuant to Section 116.334, RSMo, the Secretary of State is submitting its proposed summary statement for the petition submitted by Christopher Pieper on February 11, 2019, relating to amending Article VI. The language for the proposed statement reads as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri constitution to:

- combine St. Louis County and St. Louis City ("territory") into a new government known as a metropolitan city, governed by a mayor and 33-member council, with a two-year transition period;
- classify existing municipalities in the territory as municipal districts that will continue to provide some services such as fire protection and utilities;
- have the metropolitan city assume control of some services in the territory such as law enforcement, municipal courts and economic development; and
- phase out St. Louis City's earnings tax over ten years?

Please review the proposed language to determine that it is "neither intentionally argumentative nor likely to create prejudice either for or against the proposed measure," as required by the statute referenced above. Once your office has reviewed the proposed language, please notify this office within the ten-day period provided by statute.

If we can be of any assistance during the review process, do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your review of the proposed language.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Ashcroft".

John R. Ashcroft
Secretary of State

cc: Amanda Holtmeyer
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