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Brad Woodhouse
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455 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
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Re: Complaint Against Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley

Dear Mr. Woodhouse:

Secretary Ashcroft has asked that I respond to your letter dated November 2, 2018, in which you request this office to "commence[] an investigation against Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley" based upon allegations you state "strongly suggest[]" that Hawley used public funds as Attorney General to support his candidacy for the U.S. Senate." Pursuant to section 115.642, RSMo, this office will commence an investigation into the alleged offense.

If you have documents, such as the emails cited in the news article, we request that you provide them to us. If you have first-hand knowledge of any facts in your complaint (other than the documents cited to in your footnotes), please contact me so we can discuss. My direct dial is 573/522-9262 and my email address is khristine.heisinger@sos.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Khristine A. Heisinger".

Khristine A. Heisinger
Deputy General Counsel