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Ms. Betsy Aubuchon, Clerk Missouri Supreme Court P.O. Box 150 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: State ex rel. Hawley v. Midkiff, No. SC96516

Dear Clerk:

This letter is to advise the Court of an inadvertent misstatement in Relator's Reply Brief in the above-captioned matter. Page 29 of the Reply Brief states that "counsel corrected the legal argument based on further legal research in subsequent motions [in the trial court], which were also denied." That statement is inaccurate. Relator's counsel first made the legal argument that the trial court never had authority to hear the case, as opposed to having lost authority, in the briefing in support of the application for extraordinary writ in this case, not in subsequent motions in the trial court.

Please bring this letter to the attention of the Court.

Sincerely,

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