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OPINION LETTER NO. 166-2001

The Honorable Claire C. McCaskill
Missouri State Auditor
224 State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor McCaskill:

By letter dated March 22, 2001, you have submitted a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared pursuant to Section 116.175, RSMo, concerning the initiative petition proposal to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution by adding Section 30(D). The fiscal note summary which you submitted is as follows:

A one-tenth of one percent sales tax assessed on the sale of fuel used to propel motor vehicles (automobiles, trailers, motorcycles, mopeds) would generate tax revenues of approximately \$3,510,000 to \$4,875,000 annually. The tax revenues would be used to develop rail passenger service in Missouri.

Pursuant to Section 116.175, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Since our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

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