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OPINION LETTER NO. 44-2013

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of June 10, 2013, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for House Joint Resolution No. 16, a constitutional amendment relating to the admissibility of evidence (14-HJR 16). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

If more resources are needed to defend increased prosecutions additional costs to governmental entities could be at least \$1.4 million annually, otherwise the fiscal impact is expected to be limited.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

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