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OPINION LETTER NO. 81-2014

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

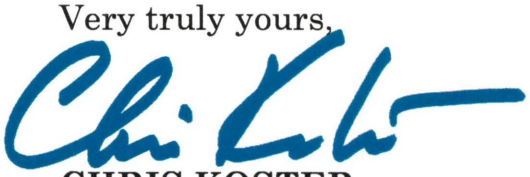
This opinion letter responds to your request dated April 3, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Khristine Heisinger regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 149, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2014-128). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

> Shall Missouri law be amended to:
>
> - create an optional tax on cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco; and
>
> - change the statutory requirements regarding the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement between Missouri and certain tobacco product manufacturers for the manufacturers that choose to pay the optional tax?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by

statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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