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OPINION LETTER NO. 12-2015

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 January 28, 2015, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Nicholas Raines regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (2016-013). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- legalize marijuana for personal, medical, and commercial purposes;
- release all persons who have non-violent, marijuana-related offenses from incarceration, probation, and parole, and expunge the records of their offense; and
- prohibit state funds and law enforcement from being used to enforce federal marijuana laws?

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

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as an endorsement of the petition, nor 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" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
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