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OPINION LETTER NO. 97-2015

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 June 19, 2015, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Winston Apple regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapters 286 & 143, Revised Statutes of Missouri (2016-062). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law be amended to impose a 10 percent capital gains tax on Missouri residents to create a state program that provides public sector jobs to eligible Missouri residents in lieu of unemployment benefits?

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,

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

CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General