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The Honorable Nicole Galloway
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of September 8, 2015, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Chuck Hatfield, version 1 (16-079). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government revenue will increase by approximately \$95 million to \$103 million annually when cigarette and tobacco tax increases are fully implemented. Local government revenues could decrease approximately \$3 million annually due to decreased cigarette and tobacco sales.

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 initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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