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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 December 14, 2015, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Edward Greim (16-152). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

When cigarette tax increases are fully implemented, estimated additional revenue to state government is \$263 million to \$374 million annually, with limited estimated implementation costs. The revenue will fund only programs and services allowed by the proposal. The fiscal impact to local governmental entities is unknown.

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,

  
CHRIS KOSTER  
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