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OPINION LETTER NO. 114-2016

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 March 8, 2016, for our review under § 116.025, RSMo, of a proposed fair ballot language statement for Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 (2005) relating to the resubmission of an amendment to Article IV, Section 47(c) of the Missouri Constitution (SJR 1, 2005). The proposed fair ballot language statement is as follows:

A **“yes”** vote will continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites. This will be resubmitted to the voters for approval in 10 years.

A **“no”** vote will not continue this sales/use tax.

If passed, this measure will not increase or decrease taxes.

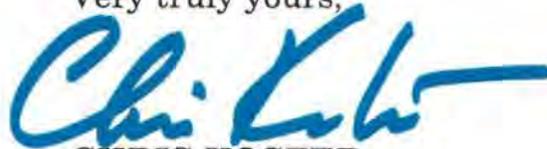
Pursuant to §116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

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Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution, 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General