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OPINION LETTER NO. 114-2009

The Honorable Robin Carnahan  
Missouri Secretary of State  
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center  
600 West Main Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Carnahan:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated March 13, 2009, for our review under Section 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition (version 2) submitted by Todd Jones regarding a proposed constitutional amendment related to Article III. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to make it illegal for the legislature or state or local governments to expend, pay, or grant public funds to hospitals or other institutions for certain types of stem cell research currently allowed under Missouri law?

Pursuant to Section 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 black ink, appearing to read "Chris Koster", written over the typed name.

CHRIS KOSTER  
Attorney General