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OPINION LETTER NO. 51-2016

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

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of January 12, 2016, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher, version 2 (16-191). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Estimated additional revenue to state government is \$21 million to \$25 million annually with up to \$100,000 in additional costs. The revenue will fund only programs and services allowed by the proposal. Local government revenues could decrease \$800,000 annually due to decreased cigarette 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,

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

CHRIS KOSTER
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