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OPINION LETTER NO. 192-93

The Honorable Judith K. Moriarty
Missouri Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Moriarty:

You have submitted to us a statement of purpose prepared pursuant to Section 116.334, RSMo 1986. The statement which you have submitted is as follows:

Shall Article X of the Constitution of Missouri be amended to limit the increase of total state revenues generated by new, increased, or broadened taxes, licenses and fees, including user fees, to twenty-five hundredths of one percent of the total state revenue during the prior fiscal year, unless approved by popular vote; make all increases in taxes, licenses, and fees, including user fees, by any political subdivision subject to voter approval; and prohibit the state from mandating tax increases on political subdivisions as a requirement for maintaining their corporate status or existing level of state funding?

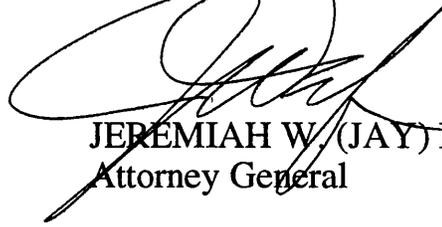
See our Opinion Letter No. 184-93.

Pursuant to Section 116.334, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Since our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

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Under the provisions of Section 116.334, the approved statement of purpose, unless altered by a court, is the petition title for the measure circulated by the petition and the ballot title if the measure is placed on the ballot.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah W. Nixon", is written over the typed name and title.

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