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OPINION LETTER NO. 121-96

The Honorable Rebecca McDowell Cook
Missouri Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Cook:

You have submitted to us a statement of purpose prepared pursuant to Section 116.334, RSMo 1994. The statement which you have submitted is as follows:

Shall a law be enacted to make it a class D felony to keep or train any animal or bird for fighting or wrestling another animal, bird or person, or, for amusement or gain, cause any animal or bird to fight or wrestle another animal or bird in an exhibition, or permit such acts on one's premises, or aid or abet such acts; and make it a class A misdemeanor to be knowingly present during or in preparation for such activities or bring a juvenile to observe or participate in such felony activities?

See our Opinion Letter No. 229-95.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon", written over a horizontal line.

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON
Attorney General