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OPINION LETTER NO. 176-99

The Honorable Claire C. McCaskill
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor McCaskill:

You have submitted to us a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared pursuant to Section 116.175, RSMo, concerning a proposed constitutional amendment to allow collective bargaining by firefighters and related personnel. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

The annual cost to paid fire departments and districts, ambulance departments and districts, and dispatch agencies to enter into collective bargaining contracts are approximately \$243,000 to \$3,037,500, depending upon the number of entities entering into such contracts.

Pursuant to Section 116.175, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Since our review of the fiscal note summary 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon", written over the typed name.

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON
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