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OPINION LETTER NO. 322-2000

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

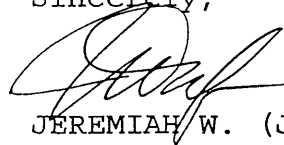
Dear Auditor McCaskill:

By letter dated December 7, 2000, you have submitted a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared pursuant to Section 116.175, RSMo, concerning an initiative petition proposal to amend Section 571.030, RSMo, by The Vermont Project. The fiscal note summary which you submitted is as follows:

There appears to be no direct fiscal impact on state and local governments. The indirect fiscal impact on state and local governments, if any, is unknown.

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,



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