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OPINION LETTER NO. 171-2001

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

Dear Auditor McCaskill:

By letter dated April 3, 2001, you have submitted a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared pursuant to Section 116.175, RSMo, concerning the initiative petition proposal to amend Section 195.010, RSMo. The fiscal note summary which you submitted is as follows:

The estimated direct fiscal impact to state government to differentiate between legalized marijuana containing 0.5% tetrahydrocannabinol or less by dry weight and illegal marijuana containing greater than 0.5% tetrahydrocannabinol is \$1,370,000 initially and \$670,000 annually in subsequent years. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah W. Nixon".

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON  
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