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OPINION LETTER NO. 169-2002

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

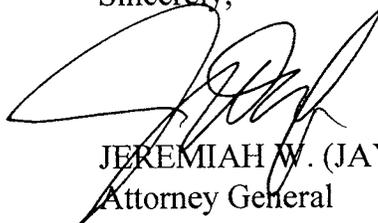
Dear Auditor McCaskill:

By letter dated December 16, 2002, you have submitted a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared pursuant to Section 116.175, RSMo, concerning the initiative petition proposal to revise Chapter 640 by adding one new section, Section 640.887. 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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