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Honorable Susan Montee  
Missouri State Auditor  
State Capitol, Room 121  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Montee:

This office received your letter of September 25, 2007, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under Section 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition, submitted by Lori Buffa regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to Article III, Section 38(e). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

This proposal could have a significant negative fiscal impact on state and local governmental entities due to its prohibition of certain research activities. However, the total costs to state and local governmental entities are unknown.

Under Section 116.175, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that 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.

Very truly yours,

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