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OPINION LETTER NO. 31-2010

The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Carnahan:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 14, 2010, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Bradley Ketcher (version 3) regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 84, Revised Statutes of Missouri. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law be amended to allow any city not within a county, currently St. Louis City, the option to replace the current state control over that city's municipal police force and police retirement benefits system by passing ordinances that establish local control of the city's municipal police force and police retirement benefits?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Koster".

CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General