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OPINION LETTER NO. 112-2012

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 February 16, 2012, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Todd Jones regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article III of the Missouri Constitution. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to change the current ban on human cloning or attempted cloning to limit Missouri patients' access to stem cell research, therapies and cures approved by voters in November 2006 by redefining the ban on human cloning to criminalize and impose civil penalties for some existing research, therapies and cures?

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

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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 blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Koster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
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