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OPINION LETTER NO. 4-2013

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of December 31, 2012, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Lara Granich, version 8 (14-017). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Increased state and local government costs for wages, operating expenses, and programs could exceed an estimated \$105 million annually. State and local government income and sales tax revenue could increase by an estimated \$34.6 million annually.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, 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 initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

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

CHRIS KOSTER
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