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OPINION LETTER NO. 56-2014

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

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 16, 2014, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Steven Reed regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article IV of the Missouri Constitution (2014-104). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to establish a one-tenth of one percent state sales/use tax for one year to be used for technology initiatives in southwest Missouri with the purpose of providing funding for new companies, jobs, and research and development?

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

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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 blue ink that reads "Chris Koster" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General