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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:

You have submitted a proposed fair ballot language statement for the initiative petition submitted by Matt Dameron relating to Early Voting (2014-066). The fair ballot language statement, prepared pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, is as follows:

A “yes” vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to provide all voters a period of six weeks prior to election day to cast a ballot in all federal and state general elections. This early voting will be held at either a central voting location and/or, depending on the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction, one or more satellite voting sites. The amendment requires local election authorities to use satellite voting sites, in addition to a central voting location, if the jurisdiction has more than one hundred thousand registered voters. The amendment also provides for at least five hours of early voting on Saturday and Sunday during the 21 days immediately prior to the election.

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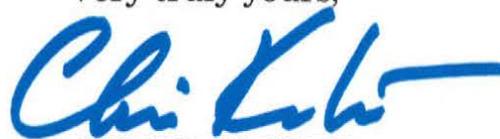
A “no” vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution to provide all voters with a six week early voting period.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Pursuant to § 116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,



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