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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:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated August 27, 2015, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Lara Granich regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 290, Revised Statutes of Missouri, version 9 (2016-071). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- increase the state minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour with a \$1.00 per hour increase each year until 2020, when the minimum wage would be \$12.00 per hour;
- adjust the state minimum wage based on changes in the Consumer Price Index each January beginning in 2021;
- mandate that the state minimum wage at least equal the federal minimum wage;

- increase the employer portion of tipped employee wages (each year until 2019) from 50% of state minimum wage to full minimum wage; and
- increase the penalty for paying employees less than the minimum wage?

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,



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