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OPINION LETTER NO. 26-2015

The Honorable John Watson
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Watson:

This office received your letter of March 2, 2015, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Jill Carter, version 1 (16-021). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Any potential costs or savings from this proposal to state and local governmental entities is unknown. However, the proposal's passage will likely lead to increased litigation-related costs and impact the ability of state and local governments to provide certain health and welfare services.

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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