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OPINION LETTER NO. 65-2017

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 December 28, 2016, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Mike Louis regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article I of the Missouri Constitution, version 3 (2018-094). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- allow employers to have the right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives chosen by them and their employees; and
- prohibit impairing, restricting or limiting the negotiation and enforcement of certain collectively bargained agreements with an employer?

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

**CHRIS KOSTER**  
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