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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 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 8 (2018-099). 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
- allow an employer and employees' chosen representatives to require that employees in a position represented by a representative of the employees' choosing to contribute a pro-rata share of representational costs?

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

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Koster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
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