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OPINION LETTER NO. 351-2017

The Honorable Nicole Galloway
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of June 15, 2017, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Damien Johnson (18-231). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities estimate one-time costs of \$357,000, increased annual operating costs of \$1.1 million, increased annual excise tax revenue of up to \$66 million, and other unknown annual changes in revenue. Local law enforcement costs could increase.

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 "Joshua D. Hawley".

JOSHUA D. HAWLEY
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