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OPINION LETTER NO. 137-2019

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 17, 2019, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Sara Baker (20-R001). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Revenues from state sources may decrease by at least \$4.9 million annually and federal Medicaid revenues may decrease by an unknown amount, up to \$7.2 billion annually. The Public Defender's Office anticipates increased costs of an unknown amount to defend women's medical actions after conception. Local governmental entities anticipate a significant negative impact.

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. Furthermore, our review under § 116.175.4 does not examine the fairness or sufficiency of the estimated fiscal impact.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General