



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI
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January 6, 2022

OPINION LETTER NO. 177-2021

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

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of December 23, 2021, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Austin Shaffer, 22-080. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities estimate annual reduced federal funding could be at least \$10.6 billion, but the total potential reduction is unknown. Local governmental entities estimate annual reduced federal funding passed through from the state could be at least \$3.8 million.

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 blue ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General