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December 28, 2022

OPINION LETTER NO. 42-2022

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 7, 2022, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Winston Apple, 2024-005. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities estimate initial costs of \$500,000, ongoing costs of at least \$100,000 annually, and savings of \$13 million annually. Local governmental entities estimate initial cost of at least \$570,000, ongoing costs of at least \$240,000 annually, and ongoing savings of at least \$5,000 every general election year.

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,

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