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OPINION LETTER NO. 117-2011

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of July 28, 2011, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by James Bryan (version 3). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities could have annual lost revenue estimated at \$2.5 to \$3.5 million that could be partially offset by expenditure reductions for monitoring industry compliance. Local governmental entities could have unknown total lost revenue related to business license or other business operating fees if the proposal results in business closures.

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 black ink that reads "Chris Koster".

CHRIS KOSTER
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