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OPINION LETTER NO. 189-2011

The Honorable Robin Carnahan  
Missouri Secretary of State  
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center  
600 West Main Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Carnahan:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated December 15, 2011, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Mark Reading regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article X of the Missouri Constitution (version 5). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to allow voters in cities and counties to set and control local taxes on cigarettes or tobacco products within their city or county?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

CHRIS KOSTER  
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