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OPINION LETTER NO. 4-2015

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 December 23, 2014, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Dan Viets (16-009). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State government expects \$1 million in startup costs and annual operating costs starting at \$4.9 million, possibly offset by unknown savings in the criminal justice system. Legislative and agency actions will impact potential increased state revenue. The annual revenue increase is unknown but could exceed \$75 million. The fiscal impact to local governments is unknown.

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,

CHRIS KOSTER

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