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STATE AUDITORS OFFICE

The Honorable Nicole Galloway
State Auditor
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Petition approval request from Winston Apple regarding a proposed statutory amendment to Chapter 192 (2024-010)

Dear Auditor Galloway:

Enclosed please find an initiative petition sample sheet for a proposal to amend the Revised Statutes of Missouri filed by Winston Apple on December 5, 2022.

We are referring the enclosed petition sample sheet to you for the purposes of preparing a fiscal note and fiscal note summary as required by Section 116.332, RSMo. Section 116.175.2, RSMo requires the state auditor to forward the fiscal note and fiscal note summary to the attorney general within twenty days of receipt of the petition sample sheet.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John R. Ashcroft

cc: Hon. Eric S. Schmitt
Sheri Hoffman
Trish Vincent

County _____

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not a registered voter.

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State for the State of Missouri:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and _____ County (or city of St. Louis), respectfully order that the following proposed law shall be submitted to the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval or rejection, at the general election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2024, and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Missouri and _____ County (or city of St. Louis); my registered voting address and name of the city, town or village in which I live are correctly written after my name.

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CIRCULATOR’S AFFIDAVIT, STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)
(Petition Circulator’s Printed Name)

NAME (Signature)	DATE SIGNED	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Street) (City, Town or Village)	Zip Code	Congr. Dist.	NAME (Printed or Typed)
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signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, registered voting address and city, town or village correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter of the state of Missouri and _____ County.

FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY.

I am at least 18 years of age, I do ____ do not ____ (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition. If paid, list the payer
_____.

Signature of Affiant (Person obtaining signatures)

Street address of Affiant

Printed Name of Affiant

City, State and Zip Code of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20__

Signature of Notary

Notary Public (Seal)

Address of Notary

My commission expires: _____

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri:

One new section of the Revised Missouri Statutes is enacted, to be known as section 192.012, to read as follows:

192.012. 1. "The Missouri Health Care Cooperative" (hereinafter referred to as "MHCC") is hereby created within the department of health and senior services to cover the cost of health care for citizens of Missouri who choose to become members of the cooperative.

2. The MHCC shall be administered by the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate rules necessary for the administration of this section.

3. The state of Missouri is authorized to issue bonds, if necessary, to cover start-up costs for the MHCC.

4. Memberships in the MHCC shall be available to take effect on January 1, 2026.

5. Enrollment in the MHCC shall be voluntary and limited to citizens of the state of Missouri. Any member who removes her or his primary residence shall have the option of remaining a member through the end of that calendar year.

6. Membership dues shall be based on a percentage of the "taxable income" of each member as shown on federal tax returns. The percentage shall be the same for all members. Separate membership dues shall be collected for spouses when filing a combined return. Any dependents claimed on a member's federal tax return shall also be members of the MHCC.

7. The percentage to be applied to the taxable income of members in determining the amount of membership dues shall be set by the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services.

8. The MHCC shall be revenue neutral. The percentage of incomes established for determining the amount of membership dues shall be set at a level that will ensure that revenues are sufficient to cover all costs, including amounts paid out for the health care expenses of members; all administrative expenses; and any funds needed to pay the interest, and repay the principal when due, on any bonds issued to fund start-up costs for MHCC. The percentage of incomes used to determine membership dues shall be set no higher than necessary to maintain the revenue neutral status of the MHCC and to maintain a reserve fund sufficient to ensure that health care providers will be reimbursed promptly for services provided.

9. Membership dues shall be paid or collected monthly. Dues shall be based on each member's income from their most recent tax return, or on the estimated income for that year, if a member's income is expected to vary significantly from the previous year.

10. After a member has filed a federal tax return for each calendar year, the amount they paid in membership dues shall be adjusted based on their actual taxable income for that year. Amounts due from each member, or to be refunded to each member, after that adjustment is calculated shall be due from, or paid to, each member on or before June 15th of each year.

11. All treatments and procedures covered by Medicare or Medicaid shall be covered through the MHCC. Only those treatments and procedures covered by Medicare or Medicaid shall be covered through the MHCC.

12. The amounts paid to health care providers for procedures and services to members shall be equal to the amounts paid to health care providers by Medicare and/or Medicaid.

13. All subsections and all clauses of this statute, and the phrases, and the words within them, are severable. If any of the provisions within them are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of those provisions shall remain valid and the application of such provisions shall not be affected thereby.