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March 2, 2022

The Honorable Herbert Slatery, III
Attorney General
Tennessee Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243

General Slatery,

Please accept thanks for your leadership and service to the great people of Tennessee.

On behalf of the taxpayers and citizens of our great State, please opine on the separation of powers, as enumerated in the Tennessee Constitution Article II, that is materially impacted through the practices of various departments, agencies and entities governed by rules promulgated by the Tennessee General Assembly which, in turn, work in opposition to the voice and votes of the people of Tennessee.

Specifically, applying the definition in TCA 3-6-301 (15)(A) which states, "Lobbying means to communicate, directly or indirectly, with any official in the legislative branch for the purpose of influencing any legislative action or administrative action," please opine to the aforementioned constitutionally enumerated and protected rights in relation to the current practices of liaisons, department personnel and appointed officials, including but not limited to, Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and department and division heads who actively work through communications - spoken and written - to oppose, defeat and influence legislative proposals. Oftentimes, these State employees of the Executive Branch are working in tandem with registered lobbyists sharing talking points, sharing meetings with Members and coordinating efforts.

Please make your correspondence in response to this official inquiry directed to all the signatories of this request on behalf of the constitutional rights of Tennesseans.

With regards,

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Representative Robin T. Smith
House District 26

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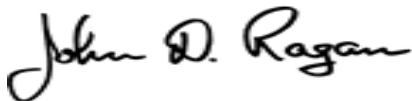
Representative Scott Cepicky
House District 64

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Representative Dan Howell
House District 22

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Representative Chris Todd
House District 73

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Representative John D. Ragan
House District 33

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Representative Esther Helton
House District 30

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Representative Tim Rudd
House District 34

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Representative Bud Hulsey
House District 2