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Mr. Lane Beattie
Head of the HB477 Interim Working Group

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Dear Mr. Beattie,

It has come to the attention of the SaveGRAMA.org coalition executive committee that the state records committee (SRC) has not been included in the makeup of the HB477 Interim Working Group. In direct communications with the members of the SRC, it is apparent that this oversight has not been corrected. In fact, the SRC has previously sent a letter to the governor and members of the UT legislature (see attached) specifically requesting to be included in the HB477 working group, with no response to date.

We believe this was and is a fatal error. It is critical to the success of the HB477 working group that members of the SRC be included in its makeup. Members of the SRC have a very valuable contribution to make.

Among other issues, SRC members are familiar with the difficult issues of GRAMA related to the weighing of public and private interests, along with classification of records, fees and costs. They are familiar with the history of cases and how past issues were resolved. They can speak specifically to the points discussed by the SRC in arriving at those decisions.

We understand you are currently putting together breakout groups to meet and discuss the finer points of the privacy vs. public access issues of GRAMA, as addressed by the working group. We respectfully ask that you allow SRC members to participate in those discussions, and that they be considered for inclusion in the remaining sessions of the working group.

Sincerely,

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cc: Governor Herbert, Speaker Lockhart, President Waddoups