STATE OF TENNESSEE House of Representatives



GERALD McCORMICK MAJORITY LEADER

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Mr. Ronald A. Loving, Chairman Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority 975 East Third Street Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, the undersigned members of the Hamilton County Legislative Delegation are actively considering amendments to the Private Acts governing the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority ("Authority"). In the meantime, it has come to our attention that the Board of Trustees is considering an accelerated process to select a new CEO. In light of likely legislation that will affect the governance structure of the Authority, any action to enter into a long-term contract with a new CEO at this time would be premature and could potentially burden the new governance structure with a contract that would be expensive and disruptive to terminate.

Based on the concerns expressed above, we urge the Board of Trustees not to take any action to select a new CEO. No action should be taken on this important decision until work has been completed on revamping the Authority's governance structure.

Thank you to your attention to this request, and we have also distributed copies of this letter to other members of the Board.

Sincerely,

Senator Bo Watson

Representative Vince Dean

Representative Richard Floyd

Senator Todd Gardenhire

Representative Mike Carter

cc: Erlanger Board of Trustees