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The Honorable Senator Deb Peters
President, National Conference of State Legislatures
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Mr. Bill Pound
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Dear Deb and Bill:

We regret to inform you that the Tennessee General Assembly will not be approving any member or staff travel, or any other financial expenditure, related to the 2018 Annual Summit in Los Angeles, California at this time.

According to the Attorney General of California, employees of the State of California are barred from state-funded and state-sponsored travel to eight states, including Tennessee. As a direct result of California's continued travel ban against Tennessee, both houses of the General Assembly adopted Senate Joint Resolution 111 last year.

The resolution urges all entities of Tennessee state government "to ban state-sponsored and state-funded travel within their respective jurisdictions to any state of the Union that has banned state-sponsored travel to Tennessee."

This directive was passed by our popularly-elected chambers in overwhelming fashion. We both voted for it. We are compelled to abide by it.



This is not an action we feel any pleasure taking. We are well aware this decision will affect attendance at your esteemed conference and preclude our members and staff from critical professional development opportunities.

It is California, not Tennessee, which set this chain of events in motion. We have great respect for NCSL and apologize for any inconvenience this situation causes it.

The moment California rescinds its ban; Tennessee will begin approving travel to California. We hope that moment comes soon.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Mr. Butch Spyridon, Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau