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The Honorable Jonathan Skrmetti
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RE: Hughes et al vs. Lee et al Ruling – Request to Decline Appeal

Dear Attorney General Skrmetti:

In my role as State Senator and an avid Constitutionalist, I want to thank you for your consistency in standing firmly for the Constitution of the United States, of Tennessee, and on behalf of our people. No better example of this is evident than in the June 18, 2025 United States vs. Skrmetti decision upholding our right to ban “gender affirming care” for minors. I was a cosponsor of this legislation and know that we legally and constitutionally provided the care and protection needed for our children and society.

Likewise, I now, respectfully, ask that you again exercise your authority in the August 22, 2025 decision by the Three-Judge Panel in the Chancery Court of Gibson County finding the “Going Armed Statute” and the “Parks Statute” both unconstitutional by declining to appeal. It is my sense that these laws adjudicated as unconstitutional should now be properly remanded to our State Legislature for reconsideration, debate, and remediation. I believe this would be another example to our people as to how a responsive, well-functioning, three-branch system of government continues to thrive in Tennessee.

General, I thank you again for your leadership, advocacy and stand ready to discuss my position and request of you. May God Bless you and the Great State of Tennessee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Page B. Walley".

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