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Re: Alabama Council for Excellent Government

Dear Mr. Butrus:

As a follow-up to our conversation, as well as your February 13th letter regarding the Alabama Council for Excellent Government, please let this serve as my informal opinion.

I will not recite the contents of your letter; however, I will incorporate them by reference.

I am very comfortable with the way Governor Bentley plans to establish this non-profit. All of the potential problems have been recognized and have been dealt with, so I see no problem with moving forward with the plan.

Please bear in mind that this is merely my informal opinion based on the facts as provided, and it does not carry the weight of law a formal opinion rendered by the Commission carries.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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