



House of Representatives *State of Utah*

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To Members of the Utah House of Representatives:

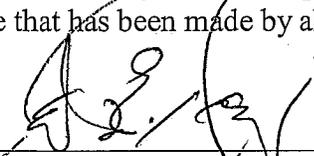
In hearing the allegations made against Representative Greg Hughes, we have listened to the testimony of dozens of witnesses, reviewed numerous documents, and have discussed and deliberated these charges for seven very long days. In addition to the many hours spent in committee, each of us has spent many more hours in our offices or at our homes reading, studying, and pondering the evidence and testimonies we have received and heard. None of us has taken our duties lightly. On the contrary, we have worked thoughtfully, listened carefully, and deliberated frankly and openly.

The Rules of the Fifty-Seventh Legislature (2008) detail the standards we were required to follow in making the decisions placed before us. Based on these rules, the committee could not find, by majority vote, that any of the six charges were proven by clear and convincing evidence.

We do find that some of Representative Hughes's conduct as presented to us during this inquiry was unbecoming a Member of the Utah House of Representatives. We request that Representative Hughes take steps to change his behavior and to make appropriate apologies to those who may have been affected.

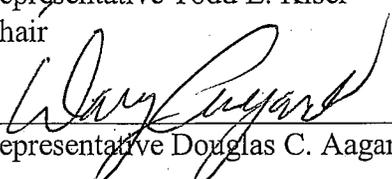
We have also come to the conclusion that our current Code of Official Conduct is not specific enough to provide adequate guidelines to look to when examining legislative behavior and are not direct enough to give fair notice of whether certain behavior is ethical or not. There was great debate and dialogue as to whether Representative Hughes' actions rose to the level of unethical conduct. We strongly recommend that the Legislature review and revise these rules to provide more clarity and direction. We also recommend that the House of Representatives begin ongoing ethics training for all members as quickly as possible.

This has been a very difficult experience for members of the committee, and we appreciate the time and sacrifice that has been made by all who have been involved in this process.

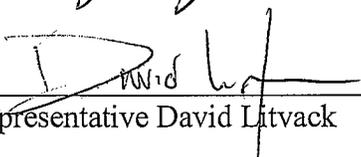


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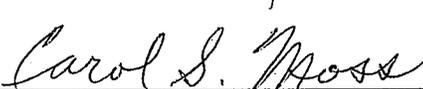
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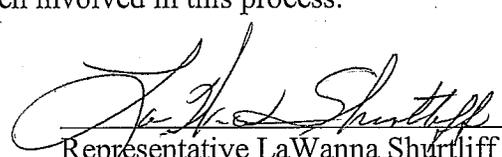
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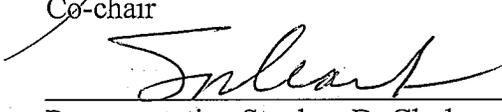


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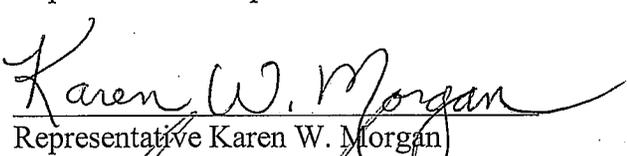


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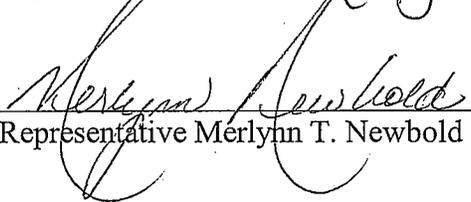
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