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Lt. Governor Ramsey and Speaker Harwell:

There have been a number of bills filed in the General Assembly in recent years regarding actions of the federal government. These have addressed both introduced and enacted legislation, rules and regulations and executive orders. Members and their constituents have expressed concerns about the interactions and affects of such federal actions on the manner in which our state government operates, or which could have a potential impact on the rights and privileges of the citizens of Tennessee.

These topics merit thoughtful study and discussion, which could be better accommodated outside the prescribed meeting times that are set aside for the other work of the various committees of the General Assembly. Therefore, we respectfully request your permission to create a joint subcommittee of the Government Operations Committees to hold hearings and examine these issues in greater depth.

This subcommittee would give both members of the General Assembly and the public the opportunity to discuss specific pending and enacted federal initiatives including, but not limited to, rules, regulations and executive orders.

Upon conclusion of any meeting of the subcommittee, we anticipate reporting any relevant findings to you, the members of the General Assembly and our Congressional delegation.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Judd Matheny
State Representative

Mike Bell
State Senator