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Ms. Madeline Johnson  
Chairman, Opinions Committee  
Office of the Attorney General  
Price Daniel Sr. Building  
14th and Lavaca  
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Prohibition on Services for the General Services Commission

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This requests an opinion concerning a conflict of interest provision in Texas Civil Statutes, Article 601b, the General Services Act ("Act"). Section 2.061(d) of the Act provides:

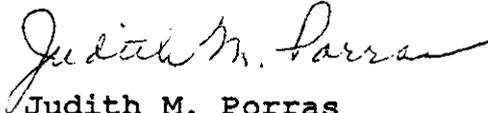
A person may not be a member of the commission or act as the general counsel to the commission if the person is required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code, because of the person's activities for compensation on behalf of a profession related to the operation of the commission or a business entity that contracts with the state.

I understand the prohibitions of this section to apply to individuals and lobbying activities of the individual only, on behalf of 1) entities that contract with the state through the General Services Commission, or 2) professions related to the operation of this agency. That is, a person is not prohibited from serving as a commissioner even though the person is an employee of a firm, some of whose other employees may be required to register under Chapter 305. Further, a person is not prohibited from serving as a commissioner if the person's lobbying activities are not related to this commission or its contracts. On behalf of the commission, I would respectfully request your confirmation or correction of my interpretation of this provision.

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If you require additional information or have any questions concerning this request, please call me at 463-3583.

Sincerely,



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