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General Cornyn:

The Board of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board requests an official opinion by the Office of the Attorney General of Texas regarding the following issue:

Does the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board have authority to expend state appropriated funds for the purpose of informing the general public at large, which will include all constituency groups, of the activities and accomplishments of, and opportunities available through the TIF? Providing such information may provide TIF with recognition and exposure throughout Texas and the nation.

If authority to expend appropriated funds is found for the above activities, is it limited to expenditure of funds for internal operations to accomplish these activities, or does it include engagement of the services of a public relations firm for such purposes?

Please feel free to contact me regarding the opinion requested if necessary. We look forward to a timely reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Tessen".

Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS
Executive Director

cc: Thomas Powers, TIF Board Chairman
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