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The Hon. Greg Abbott, Attorney General  
300 W. 15th Street  
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VIA FACSIMILE and REGULAR MAIL  
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Re: Robertson County

General Abbott:

On February 26, 2013, I copied your office on a letter that I sent to the Robertson County Grand Jury regarding evidence that the former district attorney, John Paschall, may have committed crimes during his tenure. Shortly thereafter, the new district attorney, Coty Siegert, told me that he had invited your office to investigate the evidence against Mr. Paschall.

Mr. Siegert told me yesterday that he followed up that letter with an e-mail, but thus far your office has not responded. I urge you to accept Mr. Siegert's invitation. Mr. Paschall was a key player in the corrupt political machine that controlled Robertson County for generations, and Mr. Siegert's election in November was the first major step toward cleaning up Robertson County. Mr. Siegert, however, will be in an awkward position if he is forced to investigate his predecessor.

The same would be true if Mr. Siegert was asked to investigate the local district judge, Robert M. Stem. I have enclosed a May 7, 2013 letter to Judge Thomas O. Stansbury, a visiting judge assigned to Robertson County, regarding the latest misconduct by Judge Stem. I am planning to present this matter directly to the Robertson County Grand Jury, because I do not feel it would be fair to Mr. Siegert to ask him to investigate the judge who presides over nearly all of his felony cases. But there is a problem: Judge Stem has refused thus far to recuse himself from grand jury matters, and I am concerned that he will continue to guide the selection of the very grand jurors that would be asked to investigate him.

Your office, of course, has far more resources than the average district attorney's office in a rural county, and much more experience dealing with public corruption cases. Accordingly, I urge you to open an investigation in Robertson County as quickly as possible. In November, the people of Robertson County took a decisive step toward cleaning up their county, and any assistance from your office would be a genuine public service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ty Clevenger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ty Clevenger

cc: Members, Robertson County Grand Jury  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Rep. Kyle Kacal  
Judge Robert M. Stem  
The Hon. Coty Siegert, District Attorney