

## **2021 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Steven Buttry**

### **FINDING(S)**

1. Steven Buttry failed to timely register for one employer.
2. Steven Buttry failed to complete the required lobbyist training.

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- Cicero Group
- Consumer Health Alliance
- d/b/a Jewish Federations of Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville
- Enbridge (U.S.) Inc.
- Hughes Technology LLC
- Knoxville Utilities Board
- NAIFA – Tennessee
- Tennessee Telecommunications Association d/b/a Tennessee Broadband Association
- TN Scrap Recyclers Assn.
- US Term Limits

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Steven Buttry registered as a lobbyist for ten employers during 2021. Based on the audit documentation, Steven Buttry timely registered nine of ten lobbying relationships. Details of the late registration are in the subsequent paragraph.

#### **Cicero Group**

Steven Buttry contracted with the Cicero Group for lobbying services for 2021. The lobbyist and employer also had a registered relationship in 2020. The contract provided to support the 2021 registration was dated January 1, 2021, with terms starting on the same day. The provided records indicate the lobbying relationship from 2020 is continuing into 2021 by contract. As the relationship is from the commencement of the year, January 1, 2021, registration should have been completed by January 8, 2021, to be within seven days as required by statute. The lobbyist did not register until February 13, 2021, 36 days late.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance’s lobbyist records, Steven Buttry paid all registration fees.

### **LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)**

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided, Steven Buttry was a contracted lobbyist. The lobbyist had written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of the contracts appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

### **FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Steven Buttry reported no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

## **TRAINING**

According to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Steven Buttry did not complete required lobbyist training for the 2021 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. When a lobbyist completes the training online, the system records the training on the web-based system. If the lobbyist attends the legislative ethics training, their name is recorded at the training event and then administratively entered into the system records (In person training was unavailable in 2021 due to Covid-19 related restrictions). Based on the review of the system records, Steven Buttry did not complete the training online in 2021. The records indicate Steven Buttry did complete the training in 2020 and has completed the training for 2022. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records indicate Steven Buttry paid all training fees.