

Dear Commissioner Tobin,

As residents of Arizona, former elected officials, candidates for the Arizona Corporation Commission and, most importantly, customers of Arizona's utilities, we're calling for your resignation from the Arizona Corporation Commission. The consumers of Arizona are struggling with ever-increasing utility bills and deserve commissioners who are free of undue influence.

And there is no doubt you have a conflict-of-interest. According to your own words published in the Arizona Capitol Times, the commission's chief legal counsel said you weren't, "even electable or appointable" when you began your appointment. Yet, you remain on the commission.

As if this weren't shocking enough, you then asked your former Arizona Legislative colleagues and the Governor to reduce the standards for conflict of interest for Corporation Commissioners by way of HB2123. You have asked two branches of government to save your job – an unprecedented maneuver that we think the third branch of government (the judicial) may not view favorably.

The current conflict of interest laws exist to protect every, single resident of Arizona. They exist to ensure that commissioners are working on behalf of Arizonans across the state. These laws have protected Arizona families, without challenge, for decades.

Regardless of whether or not HB2123 is ultimately signed into law, we believe this path of legislative change you have chosen will be challenged – which will cost the taxpayers of Arizona tens of thousands of dollars to defend. As the old saying goes: just because it's legal, doesn't mean it's right.

We request you vacate your appointment, immediately. Your resignation, and the appointment of a conflict-free replacement, will be the best way you could serve the integrity of the commission and the people of Arizona.

Regards,



Bill Mundell



Tom Chabin

cc: The Honorable Doug Ducey, Governor of Arizona
The Honorable Mark Brnovich, Attorney General of Arizona
The Honorable Andy Biggs, Arizona Senate President
The Honorable David Gowan, Arizona House Speaker
The Honorable Katie Hobbs, Arizona Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Eric Meyer, Arizona House Minority Leader
The Honorable Doug Little, Arizona Corporation Commission Chairman