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## **ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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### **Statement from Commissioner Andy Tobin on Extended Family Members Who May Pose a Remote Conflict of Interest Under A.R.S. § 38-501 et seq.**

(PHOENIX) - Corporation Commissioner Andy Tobin released the following statement today on his extended family members who may pose a remote conflict of interest in certain matters that come before the Commission:

“I always maintain an irreproachable standard of transparency. Any conflict I have on a matter that comes before the Corporation Commission will be immediately disclosed, just like all other Commissioners and elected officials in Arizona.

“I’m not employed by Cox Communications or Solar City. What is at issue here is two family members, a brother who works on the TV-side of Cox, timing commercials, and a son-in-law who works for Solar City as an inventory specialist in rural Arizona. Both are working-class jobs with no managerial or budgetary authority.

“It’s sad to think that our daughters’ husbands, spouses’ siblings, or grandsons’ wives, who are part of the tens of thousands of working-class citizens in industries that have some tie to the Commission (regulation not necessary) would prevent any of us from working for or serving on the Commission.

“I continue to believe, along with many attorneys, that something this remote should not prevent an Arizonan from participating in public service. HB 2123 will provide clarity to the conflict of interest statutes and empower more Arizonans to engage in public service.”

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