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January 23, 2008

Honorable Ulysses Jones, Jr.
Chairman of State & Local Government
35 Legislative Plaza
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Chairman Jones,

Several members of Shelby County's State Legislative Delegation have communicated to me, their varying degrees of concern regarding the financial collapse of Memphis Networx and the subsequent sale to CII (Communication Infrastructure Investments). State Legislators (both individually and collectively) have attempted on more than one occasion to dialogue and work with MLGW, Memphis City Council, Memphis Broadband and the other entities involved in the Memphis Networx operations, ownership and oversight. In spite of repeated oral requests and written interrogatories by Shelby County Delegation members, both direct and through the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA), we have received inadequate and insidious responses suggestive of a serious attempt by the respondents to conceal possible wrongdoings.

In light of the suspicious nature of the abject refusals by Memphis Networx to respond to our requests for information; and with the accusations of unfair and unethical business practices, which essentially reduced Memphis Networx diversity participation to nothing more than an empty shell which served to provide cover and mislead the City of Memphis and the State of Tennessee as to the degree of minority investors' participation in policy, management, operations, and profit sharing; and with the surfacing of new and disturbing allegations of incompetence, fraud, and criminal misconduct by individuals and entities directly and indirectly involved in Memphis Networx: I am asking that you as Chairman of the State and Local Government Committee of the TN House of

Representatives bring to bear the substantial means and resources available to you on the Memphis Networx situation. Please consider this letter as my formal request for you to act in your capacity as Chairman of the State and Local Government Committee to commence timely investigatory hearings into the birth, life and untimely death of the MLGW and Memphis Broadband partnership known as Memphis Networx.



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May I also suggest that you consider involving the T.B.I and TN State Attorney General at some point to aid with the investigation? I will certainly make myself and my research available; and I look forward to assisting you in the subsequent investigation in any manner that you may deem appropriate.

My job as a State Representative is to articulate and advocate on behalf of the citizens of District 92, Memphis, Shelby County and Tennessee. You and I as elected public servants share fiduciary responsibilities to determine the complete facts and thus the true impact of the Memphis Networx project on the MLGW rate payers and Memphis/Shelby County taxpayers. Our constituents deserve nothing less than the whole truth.

Thank you in advance for all due considerations of my request.

Sincerely,

G. A. Hardaway Sr.
State Representative
92nd District

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