



**Resolution of the Tennessee Democratic Party  
Calling for the Resignation of Speaker Cameron Sexton**

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Democratic Party stands for transparency, ethical conduct, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Cameron R. Sexton currently represents residents of Tennessee House District 25, and has been Speaker since August 2019; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2023, visitors were in the House Chamber Gallery in an effort to spur House Representatives to pass common sense gun laws; and

WHEREAS, three members of the Tennessee House (Rep. Justin Jones, Rep. Gloria Johnson, and Rep. Justin Pearson) took a stand in solidarity from the floor with visitors in the gallery between the consideration of bills; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Sexton immediately announced after a recess that the three would face sanctions, including up to expulsion; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Sexton subsequently told a Tennessee radio talk show host that “Two of the members, Reps. Jones and Johnson, have been very vocal about Jan. 6 in Washington, D.C., about what that was. What they did today was at least equivalent, maybe worse, depending on how you look at it, of doing an insurrection in the capitol”; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2023, two of the representatives (Rep. Jones and Rep. Pearson) were expelled from the House on accusations that they failed to comply with the House Permanent Rules of Order and for intentionally bringing disorder and dishonor upon the house; and

WHEREAS, Section II, Article 27 of the Tennessee Constitution states, “Any member of either House of the General Assembly shall have liberty to dissent from and protest against, any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the Public or to any individual, and to have the reasons for his dissent entered on the journals;” and

WHEREAS, on March 29, the House Subcommittee on Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Subcommittee submitted to Speaker Sexton a memo of its conclusion that Representative Scotty Campbell was guilty of violating the House Policy related to Discrimination and Harassment; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2023, Representative Campbell, who was also Vice Chair of the Republican Caucus, resigned after news was leaked that he was found guilty of sexually harassing at least one intern; and

WHEREAS, Cameron R. Sexton did not disclose the findings of the investigation and would not answer a reporter's questions as to whether he urged Representative Campbell to resign, saying he laid the decision on the Workplace Discrimination and Harassment Subcommittee, saying he had no role in "any kind of correction action" from the bipartisan panel; and

WHEREAS, Reporter Judd Legum has reported investigative findings in his independent news outlet, "Popular Information," showing Speaker Sexton does not reside within TN House District 25, including (1) Speaker Sexton claims he resides in a 1200 square foot, two bedroom condominium in Crossville, TN, (2) he secretly purchased a four-bedroom, 2600 square foot \$600,000 home in Nashville through a trust; and (3) Sexton's wife works in Nashville fulltime and his daughter is enrolled full time at a private school there; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Sexton admitted to News Reporter Phil Williams that he lived in Nashville with his family because it was more convenient; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5, of the Tennessee Constitution states that "Each district shall be represented by a qualified voter of that district;" and

WHEREAS, Speaker Sexton potentially received thousands of dollars in per diem payments to which he was not entitled based on claims he submitted for travel and expenses at the allowable rate for living in Crossville, which is over three times higher than the per diem rate for living in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Speaker Sexton violate the trust of the people of Tennessee and undermine the integrity of our democratic institutions; while threatening the sanctity of our democracy.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Tennessee Democratic Party calls for the immediate resignation of Speaker Cameron Sexton from his position as Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

We call on the Republican Party of Tennessee to join us in this call for accountability and transparency to ensure that the people of Tennessee can have confidence in their elected representatives and the institutions that govern them.

We also call on Governor Bill Lee to take immediate action to restore public trust in our state government by calling for Speaker Sexton's resignation, and by committing to work with both parties to uphold the principles of integrity, transparency, and justice.

We urge all Tennesseans to stand with us in this call for accountability and to demand that our elected officials act with honor and integrity in all of their actions and decisions. That our elected officials work to protect and not erode democracy.