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Effective September 1, 2009, an individual may also be eligible to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission if the individual owns real property in the state of Texas. Under this provision, the complainant will be required to attach to the complaint a copy of a property tax bill, notice of appraised value, or other government document that shows the name of the complainant, shows the address of the real property in Texas, and identifies the complainant as the owner of the real property.

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Austin, Texas 78711-2070 (512) 463-5800 (TDD 1-800-735-2989) Texas Ethics Commission P.O. Box 12070 Page 3 **IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS** State the facts constituting the alleged violation(s), including the dates on which or the period of time in which the alleged violation(s) occurred. Identify allegations of fact not personally known to the complainant, but alleged on information and belief. Please use simple, concise, and direct statements. SEE ATTACHED

(TDD 1-800-735-2989) Austin, Texas 78711-2070 (512) 463-5800 Texas Ethics Commission P.O. Box 12070 V. LISTING OF DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATERIALS Page 4 List all documents and other materials filed with this complaint. Additionally, list all other documents and other materials that are relevant to this complaint and that are within your knowledge, including their location, if known. SEE ATTACHED ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED

III. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

By virtue of this complaint, I am alleging that Ms. Alice Linahan has violated Chapter 305 of the Government Code that addresses whether an individual must register as a lobbyist in Texas by virtue of certain activities.

I am in no way trying to discourage individuals from being active and engaged in the policy-making process, but when that engagement crosses over into professional paid advocacy, there are certain laws, rules and requirements that come into play in order to provide transparency and accountability for all concerned.

Rather than express concerns about Ms. Linahan's activities in public or on the Internet, I am pursuing the appropriate legal remedies for this concern.

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

- She hosted a June 6 podcast with Senator Dan Patrick regarding CSCOPE. (1)
- On July 18th, Senator Dan Patrick sent a letter to State Auditor, John Keel, requesting an audit of CSCOPE. (2)
- She hosted a July 22nd podcast with Lt. Governor David Dewhurst regarding CSCOPE and the request of an audit by the Texas State Auditor's office. (3)
- On July 24th, Senator Dan Patrick filed SB 41 that would have prohibited any public school from using the CSCOPE curriculum.
 (4)
- She participated at a press conference in the Senate Press Room on August 12th with Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Representative Steve Toth. She requested the use of this room from the Lt. Governor's office. Rep. Toth was the House sponsor of CSCOPE-related legislation during the 2013 Session. (5)
- She attended an August 16th court hearing in Llano, Texas regarding the temporary restraining order of the CSCOPE curriculum for Llano ISD. Senator Dan Patrick was also in attendance. This hearing was the subject of the press conference on August 12th listed above.
- August 23rd, Lt. Governor Dewhurst issues a press release thanking John Keel, the Texas State Auditor, for agreeing to do an audit of CSCOPE. (6)

- She attended an August 24th CSCOPE debate between Senator Dan Patrick and myself. She appeared with stacks of t-shirts and a 6-foot color sign opposing CSCOPE. (7)
- On her registration form to provide public testimony at the September 13th SBOE hearing on CSCOPE, she listed that she was not appearing as an individual, but on behalf of an affiliation with Women on the Wall. (8)
- She posted on Facebook on September 13th where she indicated she put 30,000 miles on her car in the past 9 months working to stop CSCOPE. (9)
- She met with officials from the Governor's office regarding CSCOPE on September 10th with other anti-CSCOPE participants. Ginger Russell was also in attendance. (10)
- She hosted a meeting in Mount Pleasant, Texas on September 14th where she brought in speakers from around the state, and another from Washington D.C., and charged attendees \$20. (11)
- Voices Empower is clearly an organization for hire (12)

These issues, combined with the fact that Mrs. Linahan is the founder of Voices Empower (http://www.voicesempower.com/about/) lead to the reasonable conclusion that she is being compensated for the above-listed activity on behalf of her client and, just as she indicated on her witness registration form, she is not doing the above-listed activities merely as an "individual" citizen.

I have not been able to determine who her client is, or if her compensation exceeds the statutory threshold for lobbying or preparing to lobby since she has not publicly disclosed her client or compensation related to this issue.

There is "Women on the Wall" branding on much of her collateral, but it is unclear what her role is with that organization or the relationship between Women on the Wall and Voices Empower.

Given the amount of activity, \$1,000 seems like a very low estimate of her compensation for communicating and preparing to communicate with state officials. Furthermore, given the amount of activity, it seems clear that she spends more than a de minimis amount of time on these activities.

V. LISTING OF DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MATERIALS

- 1. https://soundcloud.com/alice-linahan/communication-team-3
- 2. See attached story from yourhoustonnews.com.
- 3. https://soundcloud.com/alice-linahan/lt-governor-david-dewhurst-on
- 4. See attached from Texas Legislature Online.
- 5. http://www.senate.state.tx.us/avarchive/?yr=2013&mo=08
- 6. See attached from Lt. Governor's office.
- 7. See attached photo from the lobby of the University of Texas Ornelas Center
- 8. See attached SBOE registration form.
- 9. See attached Facebook post.
- 10. See attached story from yourhoustonnews.com.
- 11. See attached from Womenonthewall.org.

State Sen. Dan Patrick seeks audit of CSCOPE

Community report | Posted: Friday, July 19, 2013 9:22 am

AUSTIN— On Thursday, State Sen. Dan Patrick sent a letter to State Auditor John Keel asking for his review of the operations of the TESCCC, governing board of the CSCOPE program. This letter follows a similar letter submitted to the State Auditor by the Office of the Attorney General last week.

"While my initial concerns with CSCOPE focused on the content of their lesson plans," said Patrick, "further review revealed that CSCOPE had potential underlying legal issues that need to be addressed."

Among the concerns outlined in his letter to State Auditor John Keel are the facts that the Education Service Centers failed to comply with state law requiring a bidding process and the adoption of formal contracts with state government vendors.

In part, the letter reads:

"In light of these issues, I am writing to ask you to exercise your authority as State Auditor and determine if the Education Services Centers acted appropriately under state law when they paid NER to produce the CSCOPE materials without a bidding process and without the protections of a legally binding contract."

"Texans deserve an open and transparent state government and that is particularly true of our public education system," said Patrick. "The curriculum in our classrooms must be open to public scrutiny as well as the contracts to publish them."

In response to TEA's suggestion to the SBOE that CSCOPE lesson plans could be used because they are in the public domain, Senator Patrick said, "I disagree with that analysis but I am looking into the issue further. Until I started asking questions, and holding hearings, parents weren't even allowed to view these materials."

"Until this question is resolved, parents need to continue to make their voices heard at the local school district level that they want CSCOPE out of their schools."

"The vast majority of parents, teachers, and Idegislators have made it clear they want CSCOPE out of their schools. I stand with them and intend to make sure no one tries to slide CSCOPE lesson plans under the classroom door, " said Patrick.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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relating to the use by a school district or district employee of certain existing student curriculum materials developed or provided by a regional education service center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 8, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 8.0532 to read as follows:

Sec. 8.0532. PROHIBITION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT USE OF CURRICULUM.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a school district may not use or authorize its teachers or employees to use student curriculum products developed or provided before August 31, 2013, by a regional education service center acting in collaboration with one or more other regional education service centers.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.





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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR David Dewhurst

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 23, 2013

Lt. Governor Dewhurst Praises State Auditor For Taking Up CSCOPE Audit

AUSTIN—Today, Texas Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst released the following statement upon receipt of the state audit plan:

"I commend John Keel for taking immediate action on the audit of CSCOPE as I requested. The CSCOPE audit was previously approved as a part of the State Audit Plan by the Legislative Audit Committee which I co-chair. Like many Texans including our Attorney General, I have lingering concerns over the financial relationship between the authors of the CSCOPE curriculum and the Regional Service Centers. Texas children deserve the best, most honest education and their taxpayer parents have every right to know that their state's financial resources are being managed in the most effective, transparent and, most importantly, legal manner. I look forward to the Auditor's report and the actions required to bring closure to this unfortunate chapter in Texas history."







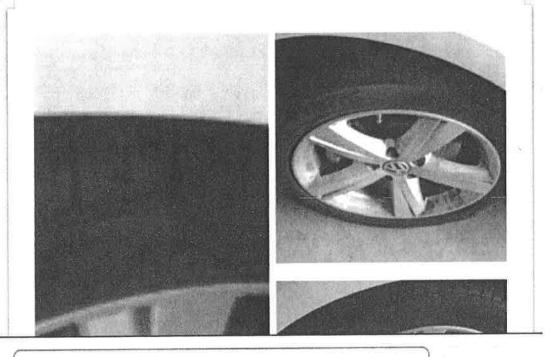
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Alice Linahan Yesterday at 7:38 PM

Thomas Ratliff will be so happy. I heard he was mocking me on Twitter for having a blow-out and not going to the hearing today. Good news I now have a new set of tires. I had put 30,000+ miles on my new car in 9 months working to #STOPCSCOPE. Watch Out Ratliff I bought the 70,000 mile tires. We are not going away! Becca Forest Merrill Hope, and Celena Salinas we will be safe on road now.



CSCOPE foe to speak Friday at hearing in Austin

By Kimberly Sutton | Posted: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 9:31 am

Montgomery County CSCOPE activist Ginger Russell will speak at a public hearing Friday in Austin regarding CSCOPE Social Studies lesson plans that are being reviewed by the State Board of Education's (SBOE) Ad Hoc Review Committee.

Russell said she has been fighting the use of the set of courses in Texas schools and exposing the philosophy behind it for some time.

CSCOPE is a curriculum management system created by Texas Education Service Centers with assistance from content experts. It is now used in 875 public school districts, charter schools and private schools in Texas, which educate 34 percent of the state's total student population, according to the Texas Education Agency's website.

Neither the SBOE nor the Texas Education Agency were involved in the development of CSCOPE.

However, because of concerns raised by parents and educators about CSCOPE, Barbara Cargill, chair of the State Board of Education, at the behest of the Senate Education Committee chair, appointed an ad hoc committee to review CSCOPE content.

The chair's ad hoc committee appointed review panels to examine the CSCOPE instructional content, beginning with social studies.

A public process solicited nominations for the review panels composed of parents, educators, curriculum specialists, business professionals and other stakeholders, according to the TEA website.

Russell's website, Red Hot Conservative, posted a dozen CSCOPE tests and answer keys last week.

"I have been fighting this from the beginning," Russell said. "The education establishment has deceived taxpayers and parents for years by hiding this curriculum. The money aspect is a huge concern and is now under review of the attorney general and the state auditor," she said.

According to Russell, Willis ISD is the only district in Montgomery County that partakes of CSCOPE.

"Our teachers work in Professional Learning Communities to create their own lesson plans. CSCOPE is one of many resources used by the teachers," WISD Communications Director Erin Kleineke said.

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams sent Texas school districts a legal advisory letter Monday reminding them that they must hold public meetings in order to adopt any curriculum provider, including online lesson plan provider CSCOPE, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Williams said his letter is not meant to discourage use of CSCOPE, only to point out the law under SB 1474, which requires a public meeting about a district's choice in curriculum. Williams said this step

creates local control and transparency.

Russell said she is in the heat of the battle.

"I meet with Gov. Perry's education staff Tuesday and speak before the State Board of Education Friday, then to Mt. Pleasant, Texas, to speak at an Education Summit. (It's) a lot of travel," Russell said. "America will not survive this type of indoctrination. American sovereignty needs to be taught in the classroom."





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14 Backpack and Boots on the Ground Education Summit

Joint Manual Common as we take on the issue of Education. Education in Americal CSCOPE & Common Core. CSCOPE is being used in Mt. Pleasant schools as well as the surrounding communities. The line-up of speakers will be giving information that uncovers the Truth about education in American and how Texas is the last stand!

Time Saturday, September 14th 10:00 AM

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More Info

Frank Gaffney - Center for Security Policy

Frank Gaffney is the Founder and President of the Center for Security Policy in Washington, p.o. The Center is a not-for-profit, non-partisan



educational corporation established in 1988. Under Mr. Gaffney's leadership, the Center has been nationally and internationally recognized as a resource for timely, informed and penetrating analyses of foreign and defense policy matters.

Mr. Gaffney is the host of **Secure Freedom Radio**, a nationally-syndicated radio program heard weeknights throughout the country. On Secure Freedom Radio, Mr. Gaffney addresses current and emerging threats to national security, sovereignty and our ways of life.

Alice Linahan - Founder of Voices Empower and Board member of Women On The Wall.org

Alice Linahan is an intrepid activist, politically-active Texas Mom who has worked hard in the trenches of the Grassroots movement. Alice launched Voices Empower in 2011 in response to identifying an urgent need to engage the passive majority of voters at both the



National and State level during the primary process. Voices Empower has quickly risen as an organization playing an integral part in holding politicians and the progressive/liberal media accountable by getting real stories out to Americans across the country.

As a Mother and an Activist she has become a leading voice against the Common Core National Standards and has through her communication team strategy taking on the Educrat establishment by exposing along with many others the dangers of CSCOPE and other curriculums in Texas.

Tom Fabry - Frisco Tea Party and Tea Parties of Texas. Tom is dedicated to helping anyone and everyone who is fighting for the children of TX and to elect constitutional conservatives to our legislature and SBOE. -



Tom wrote the TESCCC/CSCOPE
Financial White Paper Report given to the Attorney General, Lt.
Governor David Dewhurst and Sen. Dan Patrick. Tom's
findings are in large part why a full audit of CSCOPE. Tom will
be presenting his findings on CSCOPE/TESCCC, TASA and
TASB has been launched.

Ginger Russell - CSCOPE Whistle Blower. Ginger along with her mother Janice VanCleave have been relentless in protecting Texas Children against CSCOPE. They've lead the charge in research and reporting on Common Core and it's connection to CSCOPE and other Project Based Learning



curriculums. To the Educrats financially tied to education curriculum she may be seen as a villian. To Texas Parents, Teachers and Students she is a true hero.

Ray Myers - Former School Administrator, Prinicpal and Vice Principal. Statewide Curriculum Developer of Outdoor Education and one of the founders of the International School of America, Dallas, Tx.

Ray has been an amazing leader as well with the Kaufman Tea Party and instumental in networking Tea Party leaders and members from across the state and the nation.



Watch this video and you will see first hand. Delegate's Texassized plans to overhaul GOP

Merrill Hope is a contributing writer whose articles have appeared in As A Mom's (AAM) MinuteMom Magazine, Citizen's Journal, Save America Foundation, Lady Patriots, Red Hot Conservative and City on a Hill. Over the years, she's written for the Hollywood Reporter and Backstage West, among other publications.

Previously, Merrill served as a media relations consultant in Los Angeles and sat on the board of

directors of one of the largest chambers of commerce in the San Fernando Valley as in-house media advisor. She is also a mom who was in the trenches of the Common Core before it even had a name.

Merrill is delighted to be affiliated with Women on the Wall and be a part of "Backpacks & Boots on the Ground." A founding member of CURE (Citizens United for Responsible Education) and participant in AAM Chair Workshop, you can find her on Twitter at Merrill Hope@outoftheboxmom.

Bob Hall - A Constitutional Conservative with Judeo-Christian values who has a been a true leader in the Tea Party movement

Bob graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., with a degree in electrical engineering and received a regular commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the US Air Force.

While a cadet at the Citadel he received numerous rewards for leadership. In his senior year Hall was the only Air Force cadet selected to be a battalion

commander and at graduation was awarded the coveted Wade Hampton saber as the graduating cadet who had contributed the most to the Citadel during the four years he was a cadet.

Stacy "Stace" McMahan is a "political junkie" that, after watching TARP, the stimulus packages and the over-reaching of our federal government decided enough is enough and opted to get involved. A passionate conservative, Stacy is heavily involved in the Republican Women

of Gregg County, Republican Club of Gregg County, We The People of Longview, and a VOCAL (Voices of Conservatism and Liberty) Board Member. Stacy also heavily campaigned for Fmr. Solicitor General Ted Cruz in his Texas U.S. Senate race as well as was the Director of the Gregg County "Get Out The Vote - 2012."



As a dedicated activist, Stacy stands firm with her Christian beliefs, Constitutional rights, and is an avid supporter of Senator Ted Cruz, Representative Louie Gohmert, State Representative David Simpson and the teachers of Texas. Stacy is a proud Marine mom, avid Facebook and Twitter user (@StaceInTexas), blogger and publisher of staceintexas@wordpress.com. Fifth generation Texan, formally of Ft. Worth and graduate of University of North Texas, Stacy has two boys, a grand-puppy, an ubber understanding husband and lives in the beautiful Pineywoods of East Texas.

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ABOUT VOICES EMPOWER & FOUNDER, ALICE LINAHAN

Background and Services

Voices Empower provides conservative new media consulting services to for profit and non-profit organizations nationwide. Founded by Alice Linahan, a conservative, politically-active Texas mom, Voices Empower works in the trenches of the Tea Party movement to break the reliance on the liberal media for news and information. Voices Empower shows you how to harness the power of new media to help you get your conservative message out.

New Media Grassroots

- 1) Conservative New Media consulting services including implementing blogs, online videos, photos, podcasts, bulletin boards, social networks
- 2) Grassroots Boots On The Ground training
- 3) Conservative media & speaking services
- 4) Project fundraising



"Alice Linahan is known in the community as someone with high integrity and someone who seeks the truth about local, state and national politicians. You can count on Alice as a trusted source when it comes to information in the political arena."

John Michaels President Noble Classic Homes Certified Master Builders

Leading the Way By Setting the Pace

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VI. AFFIDAVIT BASED ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE

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