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## Transforming Ethics in Louisiana

### LA ETHICS 1 COALITION SIGN-UP FORM

Louisiana has a long and colorful history of government corruption, which has left us with a state brand associated with a lack of integrity and transparency in government. Business executives nationwide suggest this brand image is a significant obstacle to economic development here. Our national image could take decades to improve if we make only incremental progress in this area. However, with a broad and activist coalition and an aggressive reform effort, we can make dramatic improvements and our state could become a national model for governmental ethics laws and enforcement in 2-3 years. Success with this effort would not only improve enforcement of ethics laws and cause Louisiana to become known for honest, transparent, and accountable government, but would also move us to the top of national, independent, third-party evaluations of state ethics laws. Success would also enable us to vigorously counter negative historical assumptions held by some business prospects.

**LA Ethics 1** is a coalition of prominent Louisiana organizations that is backing a comprehensive, 2-3 year reform plan, including the following package for the 2007 session of the Legislature:

- Require financial disclosure by legislators and legislative candidates
- Strengthen access to public records
- Make governmental ethics training mandatory
- Create an independent, full-time ethics administrator
- Enhance citizen access to ethics reports and filings
- Implement targeted technical improvements to state ethics laws (e.g., enhanced whistleblower protection, expanded lobbyist registration/reporting requirements, and a review of the 100+ exceptions of the Ethics Code)

We support efforts to ensure that Louisiana moves to the top of the nation in governmental ethics laws and enforcement. My signature below indicates that my organization officially joins the LA Ethics 1 Coalition and endorses the Coalition's 2007 package. We authorize the use of our organization's name on the LA Ethics 1 website, in press releases, publicity and all promotional materials, subject to the approval of the Coalition partner group, which shall include one representative from each Coalition organization.

Name

Organization

Title

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Email

Date

Signature