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STATEMENT:

I have been associated with the University of Tennessee since I was a law student, graduating in 1994. While practicing law, I began teaching as an adjunct professor in 1998, then served as a visiting professor from 2010-2012, and now as a tenured professor of law. Currently, I serve as the director of the Business Law Clinic, where I, along with my students work with professors, researchers, and students across campus and Oak Ridge, providing legal assistance in the commercialization of their intellectual property.

As a collective faculty, we at the University of Tennessee approach this next academic year with much uncertainty as it pertains to how courses will be delivered, the introduction of a new budgeting model, and the real possibility of a reduction in the state budget to the university. While I intend to continue building upon the policy agendas pursued by the current and past senate presidents, the next three years will present us with some unique challenges. Both the tenure track and non-tenure track faculty have stepped up to the plate over past eight weeks, totally transforming how they are working with their students. Such heroic efforts have not gone unnoticed by the Administration and Board of Trustees. It is clear that although these two bodies traditionally have controlled policy and budget, it is the faculty that deliver the critical services to our customers, the students. These difficult times will require greater university collaboration to arrive at innovative solutions and may actually serve as an opportunity for the faculty to play an even greater role in university governance.

BIOGRAPHY:

Brian Krumm received his BA from the State University of New York at Oswego, his MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and his JD from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Prior to law school Brian worked with Booz Allen and Hamilton Management Consultants in New York City and Washington, D.C., where he was engaged in both domestic and international client assignments. He later held senior management positions in the Offices of the General Manager and Finance with the Tennessee Valley Authority. After law school, Brian served in Tennessee state government as Assistant Commissioner of Employment Security, Deputy Commissioner of Labor, and as a Policy Advisor to the Governor before he began a law practice primarily focused on the representation of small- and medium-sized businesses clients, on matters of corporate governance, preparation of transactional documents, and commercial and business litigation. He is the coauthor of two books, *Entrepreneurial Law* and *A Transactional Matter*, published by West Academic, as well as articles and book chapters focusing on entrepreneurship and innovation, technology transfer and commercialization, corporate governance and regulation, and innovation economics.