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## **CCGA: Ethics Commission Needs New Director**

*Watchdog group calls for Executive Secretary's resignation or termination*

Atlanta, GA - Ethics watchdog group Common Cause Georgia today is calling for the resignation or termination of the Executive Secretary of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (known as the ethics commission). The group's board of directors voted unanimously in its demand for new leadership at the agency.

"This is about accountability," said William Perry, the organization's Executive Director. "The leadership of this agency played a major role in the mismanagement that led to Georgia taxpayers being on the hook for [\\$3 million paid out to ethics whistleblowers](#)."

"It's time to start cleaning house at the only agency that polices the campaigns of Georgia politicians and the spending by state lobbyists. These costly settlements have caused serious damage to the public's trust in our government, and a change in leadership is the first step in making the system work for Georgia's citizens," added Perry.

**Perry will be available for interviews today, Tuesday, June 17 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the CCGA office building located at 100 Edgewood Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303. Please text interview requests to 678-358-6966.**

CCGA has long called for substantive reform of the ethics commission, and the organization plans to release a report later this summer that includes specific reform recommendations. While comprehensive reform will require action from the state legislature, Common Cause Georgia believes changes in the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission leadership must take place now.

*Common Cause Georgia is a statewide, non-partisan, cross-ideology education and advocacy watchdog group dedicated to openness, accountability, and ethics in government. To learn more, visit [www.CommonCause.org/GA](http://www.CommonCause.org/GA)*

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