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OPINION COMMITTEE

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
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Re: Request for Letter Opinion

Dear General Abbott:

Several years ago, I asked then Attorney General Dan Morales for guidance on the type of employment that I, as a state legislator, could undertake. I would now like to ask you, as the new attorney general, for clarification on this matter to ensure that my present employment remains within the parameters of the law.

I presently own two companies--Rio Shelters, Inc. and Rio Consulting. Through Rio Shelters, Inc., I provide advertising services, and through Rio Consulting, I provide consulting, marketing, and public relations services. The work I perform through Rio Consulting is provided to business clients and includes dealings and communications with local city and county officials, federal officials, as well as local units of government (e.g., county government). None of my communications or dealings are conducted with state agencies.

I respectfully ask for your opinion and clarification on whether a state legislator can engage in this type of employment. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
State Senator  
Chair, Senate Committee on International Relations and Trade