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Chairman Fairbanks and Mayor Coppinger,

After I requested a copy of the Budget Request for the Commission Office yesterday, May 9th, I noticed that the travel expenditure request had been fully doubled from our current \$12,500 to \$25,000 annually.

With transparency being one of our core values, I would like to recall that previous chairmen have made budget increase requests public, allowing everyone, both commissioners and constituents alike, to review them prior to the request submission. This budget increase request was proposed without my knowledge or input.

In reviewing the published travel expenditures on our website, no commissioner has even come close to using the \$12,500 currently allotted to them for travel, therefore I see no need for any increase.

Seeing as how there is no evidence of need, and since we are always seeking ways to streamline our budget and reduce expenditures, I cannot support this proposed increase. As such, I am formally requesting that this unnecessary increase to travel expenses be removed from the Commissioners Budget Request.

In the service of District 6 and Hamilton County,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Graham".

Commissioner Joe Graham
Hamilton County, District 6