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## State Rep. Clark Boyd appointed to Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – **Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton**, R-Crossville, has appointed **State Rep. Clark Boyd**, R-Lebanon, to serve on Tennessee's newly established Nuclear Energy Advisory Council.

The <u>22-member group</u>, created earlier this year by Gov. Bill Lee with <u>Executive Order 101</u>, seeks to position the state as a national leader for nuclear energy innovation and advancement.

"I am honored by the confidence Speaker Sexton has placed in me with this appointment," Boyd said. "Nuclear energy is a safe, reliable and sustainable solution for the increasing energy needs of our nation. I look forward to developing a long-term energy strategy for Tennessee that will lead to additional economic investments while also ensuring our critical infrastructure remains highly secure."

Appointees to the advisory council bring a broad range of industry experience that will build upon the state's legacy in nuclear innovation and drive continued investment to create a nuclear energy ecosystem for the future of Tennessee, including business development, government relations and stewardship of natural resources.

"Chairman Clark Boyd has been a leader in the House on energy issues and championed many conservative energy policies for our state," Speaker Sexton said. "He will be a great asset to the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council due to his passion for creating innovative and long-term energy solutions that will make Tennessee a national leader."

The Tennessee General Assembly, in partnership with Gov. Lee, established a \$50 million Nuclear Fund in the state's budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The investment will be used to establish a nuclear development and manufacturing ecosystem built for the future of Tennessee by providing grants and assistance to support nuclear power-related businesses that choose to relocate or grow in the state.

Clark Boyd represents House District 46, which includes part of Wilson County. He serves as chairman of the Business and Utilities Subcommittee and is also a member of the Commerce Committee, Finance, Ways and Means Committee, Health Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee.