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## HOUSE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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Mr. Wesley Jackson  
President and Publisher  
The Courier-Journal  
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Dear Mr. Jackson,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recent appointment as President and Publisher of the Courier-Journal. I think it bodes well for the paper that its chief executive officer is a native of Louisville who is familiar with the community and its history. Equally important, I am certain that you understand the Courier's important role in educating and informing the public in an era marked by fragmentation and constant change in the ways that people receive their news, whether by necessity or by choice. I know you will do well, and I wish you good luck.

I also wanted to let you know that I have received a lot of interesting comments from senior citizens in my district regarding what I understand to be upcoming changes in subscription rates. The focus of these comments seems to be that subscribers to the print edition of the paper will be paying higher rates related to the on-line edition of the paper. If those commenting are correct, the potential increase is substantial. Many complain that they do not have computers or smart phones and do not (by choice or necessity) use the on-line version. I would encourage the Courier to take a second look at how subscription fees will be handled. If those who have shared their concerns with me are correct, I think they have a good point that they should not have to bear costs associated with a service they do not or cannot use.

Congratulations again on your appointment, and thanks for your time and attention. Feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry".

Larry Clark  
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