

## Jason E. Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury

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## Comptroller Names Paige Donaldson as Tennessee's Small Business Advocate

Tennessee Comptroller Jason Mumpower is pleased to announce that Paige Donaldson has been named as the Small Business Advocate within the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.

Donaldson has worked for the Comptroller's Office since 2015 as a specialist in the Office of Research and Education Accountability. She has also served for five years as a member of the Comptroller's legislative team.

As the Small Business Advocate (SBA), Donaldson will assist owners of businesses with 50 or fewer employees who interact with state government. The SBA provides information and answers questions for Tennesseans who are starting a small business or who already own one. The SBA also assists in resolving issues between small business owners and state departments and agencies.

"Tennessee small businesses are the backbone of our state's economy," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "I am confident Paige will help small business owners cut through government red tape so they can focus on serving their customers and building their businesses."



"I am excited about the opportunity to serve Tennessee small business owners," said Paige Donaldson. "Tennessee is a great place to start and operate a business, and I am pleased to assist small business owners in their interactions with state government."

Donaldson is a native of Johnson City, Tennessee where she graduated from Science Hill High School. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and earned a Master of Public Administration from East Tennessee State University.

The General Assembly established the Office of Small Business Advocate in 2010 as an effort to make government work better for Tennessee's small business owners.

For more information and to contact the Small Business Advocate, go to: <u>www.comptroller.tn.gov/OSBA/</u>

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