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Subject: Re: Skip hoagland denied membership in SC chamber for no reason !

Ted: This email, which is being made public -- including to the press and the South Carolina Ethics Commission -- is in response to your rejection of my application to join the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Please be advised, and advise the members of your Board, that I will be filing a formal complaint against you with the South Carolina Ethics Commission cced on this email and I will also explore a lawsuit or lawsuits against the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and against you personally for the harm this will cause me and my company.

Ted, it is now obvious that you are a crook and nothing but a stooge for David Tigges and the other co-conspirators that serve on your Board and as your "Chamber partner cronies"

Just like David Tigges, the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber, the Beaufort Chamber, Myrtle beach Chamber and others in South Carolina, you are totally corrupt and have now become part of the growing conspiracy to silence me and damage my reputation as a successful businessman who has a 40-year, unblemished record in South Carolina. Seems SC chamber just can't stand the truth and facts about crimes committed by their crooked members who pay them memberships every year with our tax monies. I am sure once we email many of your corporate members these emails many will become embarrassed to be part of this corrupted non profit living off their members dues.

Even more important, I won the landmark FOIA court ruling against Bill Miles and the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber last February. And once the SC Supreme Court upholds that ruling, I expect that David Tigges and Bill Miles will end up in jail. They chose to fight a judge ruling versus comply and worse spend thousands of public monies and members dues to pay lawyers to remain secret and abuse our entire community.

They are already the subjects of major criminal investigations that are ongoing.

As for my reputation, no one has ever accused me of being dishonest or of committing any kind of unethical behavior or fraud. Those who do will be sued for defamation and in fact a Hilton head town employee will be sued for defamation by me. I have always been honest in my dealings and through my hard work, I have been able to build a global digital media company that operates and is recognized and respected worldwide. Not

many of your members can make such a claim with any credibility. My one asset Southcarolina.com which was going to be the member now seems to be the enemy of the SC chamber and its board. Amazing in its self how corruption works and can turn an honest person into the bad person with vicious lies. I would have liked to hear the board who voted if this even happened on what was said to reject my membership. I will in fact find out. On Hilton head we have no votes, just the one crook Bill miles decides who gets in or out and that depends on who does as he says and protects his theft of public funds.

And yet, for reasons that are not at all clear, you and your criminal co-conspirators -- most notably the totally corrupt David Tigges -- have chosen to reject my application to become a member of your organization. Ted certain you are not controlled like a puppet by David tigges ?

The fact that you even refused to give me any reason for the rejection tells me you are in fact nothing but a puppet for David Tigges and the other anonymous power brokers that pull your strings and oversee your agenda of secrecy, refusal of transparency and corruption.

Given my years-long, statewide track record as a crusader for transparency and accountability from nonprofit organizations such as yours, I can only assume that your real reason for rejecting me is that you felt as a new member, I would be harmful versus being my intended proud helpful member. Perhaps now I was rejected you like other chambers have something to hide and perhaps this warrants a federal investigation and audit of your books. I was hoping that the SC chamber would be different than many other chambers both city and national US chamber, it seems not. FYI Tom Donahue current dictator of the US chamber salary is 4.7 m not counting his travel , perks , bonus etc etc. I call him the biggest non profit bandit in America.

I now consider Chambers of Commerce worthless in the 21st Century, with more and more business being conducted on the Internet. Google ,Facebook , LinkedIn to name a few. And as you know, I own ChamberofCommerce.com, southcarolina.com , Southcarolinachamber.comCharleston.com, Hiltonhead.com and other city.coms in SC and worldwide which have become a viable online alternative for businesses nationwide.

I applied for membership and was counting on your honesty and integrity. And was hoping your decision would be, based on my email exchanges and phone conversations with you positive. You now have clearly demonstrated that you are dishonest and totally corrupt and that is to bad for both of us and will be embarrassing for you and your family as this goes Public. I feel sorry for children to have a father that is part of leaving a harder more corrupt world for them versus better. You truly should be a shamed of yourself. Your wife probably already knows how worthless you are and is stuck with you.

You have now confirmed that you are indeed possibly the most corrupt individual I have ever had the misfortune to deal with in this notoriously corrupt state.

By rejecting my membership application, you have shown that you are part of a conspiracy that includes the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber, the Myrtle Beach Chamber, and the Charleston CVB, Beaufort chamber all of which also terminated and or rejected my membership applications. The Beaufort Chamber terminated my membership after initially accepting it, but kicked me out as soon as I asked for access to their financial records under the terms of the South Carolina Nonprofit Act.

Based on my experience over the last several years, the only honest and properly operated Chamber in the entire state of South Carolina is the Greater Bluffton Chamber, of which I am a proud member in good standing. They are transparent and open to comply with foia laws. Ted you and others need to learn from them and the high standards they operate under to fully support local members as their main mission and objective.

I know that you think you will get away with this. But you will not.

Just like David Tigges and Bill Miles, the crook who runs the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber, and the other individuals and organizations that have conspired against me in a coordinated effort to silence me, you will be held fully accountable for your corruption.

As I stated, I will be filing a complaint against you with the South Carolina Ethics Commission and also looking deep at filing a major lawsuit against you, not as a private organization, but in the manner in which you harmed me with others . In addition, I will contact all press and make sure you are exposed in the media.

You are nothing but a crook, masquerading as a "Chamber executive." You are controlled by corrupt forces that are much more powerful than you are, such as David Tigges, Bill Miles, Charleston CVB head Helen Hill, Governor Nikki Hailey, and Paula Betha -- all of whom are involved in the conspiracy against me.

As for you, you should be ashamed to go home at night and face your wife and children. On a personal level, I pity you, because you must have trouble looking in the mirror. Google man in the mirror ! Deep down, you must know you are as totally corrupt as your even more powerful co-conspirators.

I will fight on until all of you are exposed and held accountable. You can count on that.

I look forward to the next steps in this process. And you will pay a heavy price, both literally and figuratively. I guarantee you that.

In the meantime, you hopefully will be hearing from my lawyers, ethics commission and reporters all Cced and federal authorities bced.

And the truth and facts will prevail. Thanks

Skip Hoagland

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Proud Florida Resident

Disappointed part time resident of corrupt SC and Beaufort County!

Ted this email to you is from me and written by me. I am not a professional writer and everyone excuse my bad writing , typos etc and just try and grasp the honest message and amount of corruption we have in SC and Beaufort county.

I am sending another well written letter from a friend with few edits by me who's a professional writer to help fill in the blanks where I left off from his perspective.

Ted, this denial and behavior will now go statewide to the press, including all your SC Chamber corporate members. We will file a complaint with the SC Ethics Commission as well. I also assume lawsuits could be a result, not based on fact you are private but the way we arrived here and the damage you have done to me to others in our state for doing nothing wrong, other than trying to force others to abide by laws of SC. Plus a fact, phone calls to me by you, Ted, versus emails, to escape a written records of our calls. Every word is documented. I forewarned you that taking this action, taking sides and getting in between others fights was not the way for you and you simply did not listen. I assume now you will say it's not your fault and just the way the board voted? What board and who? What was discussed? I look forward to learning all about that.

Again, the proper action should be to accept all reputable businesses in SC as members and not abuse anyone with nasty politics and influence by crooks. I assume I now have the distinct honor of being the first reputable and honest man in SC to be denied a membership in the SC Chamber, and refused the reason why. Correct? Ted, how is it an honest, law biding citizen could be rejected membership? I will let you explain this to the press? When we talked, you said you have city chamber member partners to protect. What you meant to say is, I have crooked members breaking laws whom I must protect, and the tax money I get from them for their membership must be preserved, and we simply can't allow an honest man who is exposing crimes in SC to mess this up. Correct?

It seems the SC Chamber has chosen to accept chamber members and endorse people like David Tigges of McNair Law Firm, Bill Miles, Brad Dean, Paula Bethea, Gov. Haley and others, who have to date been allowed to violate others and some violate SC FOIA

laws, lie, abuse and commit robbery and attempted robbery to tax payers, by those in charge and connected to local corrupted hybrid comingled city chambers in SC. Ted, the SC Chamber receives no tax monies, correct? Yet some of your members do and should not as private chambers. Correct? How in the world do you say you are private and use public funds and refuse FOIA legally? Do you have an answer for this? I have shocking stories to come on Gov. Haley and Paula Bethea. Its not Gov. Haley having sex in a car seat she has yet to deny, I will let her husband deal with that. She booted my wife and I from a fund raising event and did so by being pressured by our local Chamber, Paula Bethea, David Tigges and Bill Miles so I would not ask hard questions at this event, I have all the evidence!! Nor Paula Bethea pulling strings at the HHI Chamber for 20 yrs, heading a secret compensation committee allowing Bill Miles' \$400k, Godmother to Bill's children, she now denies, which is a lie and more with the local Alice Doughtie Citizen of the Year award. Imagine our lottery commissioner. Add Bill Miles, Brad Dean or Helen Hill's \$400k + salaries, perks, travel and extravagance and abuse to tax payers and God only knows what else, once the forensic audit is done on all of them. Like a councilman on Hilton Head was asked, "why are you not forcing an audit of Bill Miles", his answer was "scared what we might find". Another Hilton Head Island councilman was asked "why was the chamber contract so bad" - the councilman replied "the chamber controlled the negotiations". We now have hard proof from local whistle blowers who's identity we are protecting on all of this and more. The corruption is wide, deep and severe.

To add, we have town councils and Mayors who lied, abuse citizens and corrupted town employees in Beaufort county who are involved and part of the corruption. We have proof on all. This will keep the SC Ethics Commission and law enforcement busy for many years to come just in Beaufort county. It would take perhaps 100 yrs for the FBI to clean up all the corruption in SC.

Ted, a Chamber and a CVB DMO must be separate. Correct? Do you even know the difference between what it means to be a private Chamber versus be funded with public monies as a DMO? Do you even understand why a prominent Judge ruled in my favor on my SC FOIA lawsuit against one of your members the HHI Chamber and the crooked 400k salaried Bill Miles and thief of public funds on every count in my lawsuit? Now you favor this crook as a SC Chamber member, versus an honest law bidding citizen? And worse, put the crooked lawyer on your board. Does it get any worse or corrupt than this?

How is it you would allow a few bad apples to ruin the entire barrel and worse, favor crooks as members, versus a reputable honest business person in SC with a flawless record for 40 yrs? Ted, this is political suicide! You are nothing but a corrupted puppet and co-conspirator for your crooked Chamber members.

Why would you not accept any and all reputable businesses in SC as a member? Ted, you are not a judge nor jury and to condemn me and reject me to a board of 100 business leaders and all your members in the state who will know as this word spreads like a wild fire, will all consider me a bad person and perhaps a criminal, especially when you can't even give a good valid reason to anyone on why I was rejected. It has and will cause irreversible and very severe damages to me personally and my business interest in SC. You perhaps did not take this into account after talking with David Tigges. Mr. Tigges is a toxic person and sits on many boards and his stance on just FOIA alone proves he can not be trusted. Just because he's a lawyer will not allow him

to escape or have some believable respected opinion. As I have stated in the past, I am confident once a deep forensic audit is done on the HHI chamber and several of your other SC Chamber members, it will result in prison for some and I will do all I can in my power to see that David Tigges, not in his capacity as a lawyer, but the past chairman of the HHI chamber is one of them and disbarred.

Ted, its all so simple, even an incompetent person can understand, the only reason people would fight so hard to not be transparent and accountable, is that they have something to hide. This includes you with refusing to say under what grounds I was denied a SC Chamber membership, to help promote my business versus now be faced with you and your co-conspirators trying to destroy my business and its owner in SC.

All one has to do is look at the Palm Beach CVB Chamber, which once a true independent audit was completed, resulted in prison for one of its employees. Note : David Tigges claims their own hired independent audit is good enough. This is nothing more than his slick talking ways to escape a true independent audit, and answering all questions I have that need answers that he knows will not be good for him, Paula Bethea, Bill Miles, Susan Thomas, Ray Deal, Ray Warco, Charlie Clark, Steve Riley, Brian Hulbert, Gregg Alford, Mike Gleason, Greg Deloach all senior town employees, all town council members, Mayor Bennett, Mayor Sulka, Gov Haley and many more in Beaufort County. Good news is many of these will be deposed in a local defamation lawsuit filed against me.

Ted, your abuse to me and damage to my reputation will not escape a stern response. It will be proven to all be tied to a conspiracy to destroy me and all tied back to HHI. In fact, I will add you now to my deposition list and discovery, all tied into all this. In fact a subpoena of all your records and other chambers will be sought now. The only loser will be the SC Chamber, you personally and others involved with you and you need to learn from this severe abuse and hope this prevents you from ever doing this to any decent law biding citizen again.

Why would anyone support the SC Chamber organization after they read this or any of these crooked city Chambers / CVB's run by thieves? If the SC Chamber, that does not support and demand from their members transparency, accountability, SC FOIA compliance, lrs tax codes, lrs UBIT, independent audits of those who receive tax payers monies, unfair competitive practices by some of your chamber members against SC tax paying companies, Terc, Barratry, SLAPP, SC procurement laws and your HHI chamber member with Miles/ Tigges taking our tax dollars to Canada that has abused our state and even our entire country, robbing tax payers funding for profit projects and more, why do you think someone would want to be part of or invest in the SC Chamber? We even have emails from local members saying even the local HHI chamber bidding for local members was rigged. So many abuses and violations by Bill Miles and Susan Thomas over the years, I will not list them all here and save for later.

Ted, exactly what do you stand for? How do you look friends and your family in the eyes and feel good about all this? What is your mission statement? What is your intent, purpose, and bylaws? What do you do for your members who invest their monies with the SC Chamber that Google, Facebook, LinkedIn and technology can do 20 times better? Do you honor members and allow access to all your accounting records under SC laws? How do you prove performance metrics to members? Do some members get favored over others? Who do you consider the owners of the SC Chamber? Who

exactly on your board voted to reject my membership by name and company? Have you got a recording or minutes of this vote? Ted, be assured this is far from over! The only bright side I see from all this abuse is that I saved 500 bucks and more abuse later.

Thanks for another lesson in SC, and perhaps the most corrupted state in the United States with way too many corrupted incompetent good ole boys and gals in control. Perhaps some justice can be found in the SC Federal and Supreme Court? I stand ready to debate anyone in this state on facts and fully prepared to defend all I say. Let's assume I can prove and right on 80%, I consider that a victory. At 68 yrs old , retired as a Florida resident, I can assure you I have nothing to lose and very proud I can say what others have been thinking and feared saying. Look at this as my retirement contribution to a state I spend most of my productive working years. Thanks

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