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Subject: Re: Censorship and bias

What's sad about all the following, is it would be easier to do what's right than wrong. This is all because we have a corrupt chamber dictator and Mayor that ran for transparency and once the back-slapping started, just like the Spotlight movie, Mayor Bennett just caved into corruption and violated public trust and his fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers. Lee Edwards, Kim Likins, John McCann, Tom Lennox the same, who said just like the movie, chamber board are all good people, we grew up together, we pray together, I trust them. The chamber board are all good people, this is true. But like many good people on this island they have been tricked, fooled and deceived by Bill miles the dictator who will not give access to the books to any of them. They also have all been silenced from speaking up on my SC foia lawsuit and the chamber contract by David Tigges the lawyer.

Imagine one simple fact, the Chamber gets tax monies and when Bennett asked the head of the chamber Bill Miles Cced, who basically owns it and controls all of it , for an audit, Bill told the Mayor no way over my dead body will you get an audit. Mayor, why don't you tell the press under oath what happened in this meeting with you and Bill Miles? Then when the Island Packet asked for a SC FOIA, Bill Miles said no. Mayor Bennett, this council and chamber attempts to paint me as a bully to take away from the real issues and facts I present. Shooting at the messenger is not going to stop the facts from being presented. This town now even threatens and passes a town resolution to allow council members to file lawsuits against citizens to scare or silence them from being critical or exposing corruption. They clearly violated 1st amendment free speech rights.

Further abuse is I am spending all my money to force FOIA compliance for all tax payers. This should be the towns job to force this or at minimum force an audit of the chamber before any more money is given to this chamber who refuses transparency. The chamber lawyer David Tigges uses chamber members dues and tax payers monies to fight me and pay himself and other lawyers to fight this. Further the very FOIA lawsuit case from 25 yrs ago David Tigges presents as reason to not have his chamber client comply to FOIA, is not true, and the big surprise was it's the parent company of island packet

McClatchy and its Sun Times newspaper in Myrtle Beach who filed this lawsuit. McClatchy never completed this lawsuit and walked away. Now I fight for them and all SC media. Boston Globe proved doing what's right in the Spotlight movie builds a paper readership and advertising, not decreases it. I hope Brian Tolley, Sara Borton and others find the courage of the Boston Globe, as we are nothing more than another Spotlight movie, trying to fix a broke and corrupt chamber CVB DMO system versus the Catholic Church. Everyone needs to understand this web of corruption we have in Beaufort County and not be in denial of facts.

We have specific piece of evidence that Bill Miles called the national association ACCE president, Mick Fleming, and told him Skip Hoagland is making waves about IRS Ubit tax violations and we captured a screen shot of his blog warning his members about these Ubit IRS violations. This is the same organization that falsely makes HHI "Chamber of the Year". The HHI chamber also falsely claims 4 star accreditation by the US Chamber. This is simply not possible and I have proof that this is a sham. All one has to do is compare the Greater Bluffton Chamber which is run properly to the Hilton head chamber to fully understand how bad it is.

I have hired a huge legal team in NY and Washington, D.C. and filed what I believe to be one of the largest IRS whistle blower tax cases in US history against chambers / CVBs DMOs. This will expose these chamber / CVBs and force them to get back to their true mission and intent going back 100 yrs. It has become very corrupted and out of control. Again The Greater Bluffton Chamber, just created several years ago, is the perfect business-to-business chamber model, under national guidelines, and we must force the HHI chamber to follow this model and get out of Bluffton and just become the Hilton Head Island Chamber and get back to supporting local business not trying to destroy them or compete with them. David Bennett / Lee Edwards and council - what part of anything do you not agree on or dispute? To date all you can do is call me a bully and coward from the truth!

This is why we need more Trumps, no matter his flaws, he can't be corrupted or bought by special interest. This alone is enough for me, plus he has guts, unlike our Mayor. This Mayor quotes Patrick Henry and then calls me a bully. Imagine all I present are facts and I am the bad guy. Amazing what corruption can do and cause. I say to Mayor Bennett -I'd rather be a bully than a coward. I can assure you Mayor Bennett, you are no Patrick Henry nor Ronald Reagan who said Trust but Verified. The chamber has silenced you and Town council controls you - that's a fact. Fitz news is Cced. This war on what is right, based on facts, will rage on until fixed. We are simply a Spotlight movie #2- that's a fact.

Will, I was going to hold this for later but ready to bust the scandals and story

now on both Paula Bethea, head of lottery, also Cced and Nikki Haley, also Cced. Paula Bethea was head of secret compensation committee for HHI chamber, was past chairman and also at one time Godmother to Bill Miles' children and Bill Miles salary rose to 400 k pay package, Bill bought a 1.7 million home, not to mention free golf, trips to China, money to Canada and much more no one has seen, including the Chamber board! This is one of many reasons we need an audit of their so called independent audit.

Councilman was asked - why no audit he said scared of what we will find!!! Another councilman asked, why such a bad contract said its the best contract we could get the chamber controlled the negotiations!! Bill Miles tells Mayor Bennett –basically, I will not agree to an audit, best you keep your mouth shut and do as you are told. Again, if this is not basically what Bill said, perhaps Mayor Bennett can tell us what Bill did say? I can assure you this did not happen in Palm Beach Florida, where the controller of the Palm Beach CVB went to prison for 10 years for embezzlement, once a true audit was demanded and completed. Mayor Bennett must act and show strength.

Whistle blower called me said David Tigges drafted the contract not the town!! Like in Palm Beach, once a forensic audit is done on this chamber I predict prison for some. I challenge Bill Miles to prove me wrong right now and open his books. Bill miles and his lawyer, David Tigges, accountants Ray Deal and Ray Warco who are all co-conspirators and co-dictators are Cced also! I challenge you all right now – today! Open your books and if no wrong doing is found I will donate 100k to the Chamber and town as a token of my apology !

David, we need to also see all legal fees charged over the years, between the old Bethea law firm and now McNair to this chamber. Our research shows us the old Bethea/McNair law firm have controlled this chamber with Bill Miles and board seats all appointed, not elected, for years. A forensic audit will show a lot of shocking expenses, which David Tigges and Bill Miles refuse to show. Who is paying lawyers and how much to defend my FOIA lawsuit – who's paying---- taxpayers, members dues, illegal IRS UBIT profits, from chamber / CVB DMO advertising sales?

I again use my own monies. Mayor and Town Council should be fighting for rights of taxpayers not crooks and thieves of public monies. I filed a FOIA lawsuit and this ruling is finally coming soon after more than a year. If we lose, we take it to the Supreme Court. If we win David tigges chairman of McNair law firm will fight it to the Supreme Court. He should be ashamed of himself, how could anyone trust a man and lawyer who fights transparency and accountability?

Nikki Haley is not on my favorite list. She fears me and will avoid my questions