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**Subject:** Re: Bluffton parkway flyover / lawsuits filed against Local Chamber

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Steve / Gregg as you both are fully aware I have filed a Foia lawsuit and will take this to Supreme Court with heavy State press coverage if need be .

I have filed a IRS Whistle blower case that will also tie into all this in several ways . I fully plan on filing additional lawsuits until all the abuse to all of us by Bill Miles , Tom Upshaw , his wife Jane Upshaw ,David Tigges , any and all current or past buddy board individuals Paula Betha , John Vann and anyone else part of this that continues to support and allow it. I do not care about politics , friends if friends , popularity contest , retaliation to me or my companies , etc etc. what I care about us stoping the abuse and exposing the abuses and attempted past abuses.

Drew as my past lawyer can tell you I am not one who goes away quietly when myself or my company is abused and violated . What you all need to know is these cases are important to win for many reasons , not just Hiiton Head and involve and effect hundreds of millions nationwide . I have some of the biggest media in this country behind me , following me and supporting me and have asked all to remain silent until a few next steps are taken . Hilton Head is being used as a case study for others in the USA to follow. Example I have even reviewed many 990 forms with our team and filed cases nationwide against many even the US Chamber and its leader Tom Donahue salaried at 4.7 m , jet , limo more than the CEO of Apple. Seems Bill Miles and many have been taking lessons .

Steve one of my next local lawsuits will be on this proposed 600 sq ft welcome center. As you know we submitted a Foia to you and the town as owners of this land and building and received a box of info from you . I called the Architect and asked him how did he arrive at 600 per sq ft price and how many 18kt gold faucets did it involved . His answer was all estimation done in house by you know who that's right Bill Miles .Did not realize among his many talents we pay him a package of 400k for he also is a Construction estimator or is he ???

Everywhere I turn its Bill Miles involved when it comes to money . I have identified more as well and all can be read on [Stopchamberabuse.com](http://Stopchamberabuse.com) .

Here is what we need and what we will get at some point in time Who How What was behind this what I call attempted robbery to all of us. If anyone Feels these words are to strong than certainly by all means lets see if anyone can prove me wrong . I can assure you if someone accused me of this act I would sue them and would imagine after a year of all I have said if wrong I would have been sued by now on this and all the many abuses I have identified and accused others of. All we get is silence and refused all detailed accounting and transparency . This Chamber and its leadership have turned down transparency to the Town council under mayor Peeples those who hand Bill Mikes our tax

dollars , me as a media member , Island Packet and imagine anyone else who ask. Imagine why this is ??? Ask yourself who owns the Chamber ? Who has giving rights to a few to be appointed with no term limit or no limit of power ? Who redrafted the current bylaws ? Why ? How can a VCB and Chamber continue to be one entity ? How did Bill Miles get to 400k package , travel , money to Canada , 26 employees , How is it possible we have allowed this mess to get to this point ? Who is liable for all that has occurred ? Who and when will be able to stop and clean it all up ? The answer is not start a new organization or even appoint a new DMO . The answer is clean up what we have and follow the 6 point plan on how a Chamber and CVB should be operated under the mission statement governing all of them nationwide . I have criticized which is easy to do , I have also laid out the entire business structure based on the original intent of all Chambers 50 yrs ago. This mission and intent has not changed , its only been violated by many including our local buddy board and leaders .

I also intend on filing an unfair trade , business and competitive practices lawsuit and this will involve IRS , bidding processes, media members , damage claims and taking what ever needs to be taken to the highest court level . The good news for me is I can prove 100% all my claims along with expert witnesses that have already come forward .

Gregg I will let you , Dean and my accounting team take it from here .

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On Feb 15, 2013, at 9:48 AM, Drew Laughlin <[drew.laughlin@laughlinandbowen.com](mailto:drew.laughlin@laughlinandbowen.com)> wrote:

Skip:

I am happy to meet with you at any convenient time to discuss subjects important to our town, but I am not legal counsel for anyone involved in these matters. I cannot discuss legal matters involving the town, and I have to refer Dean to the town's legal counsel.

Best,  
Drew

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Can you both talk lawyer to lawyer and respond back to me . Thanks

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**Subject: Bluffton parkway flyover / lawsuits filed against Local Chamber**

To all Beaufort and Hilton Head Town Councils

To begin I am opposed to a flyover that is built larger than the road capacity that is feeding into it from the other side of the bridge / Hilton Head side. I guess best explained you can't expect it to work well trying to put 10 pounds of material into a 5 lb capacity bag . I also rather see Hilton Head remain and promoted as a High end resort and not try and compete with Myrtlebeach , Daytona , Pananacitybeach , etc . I rather try and keep the original Charles Fraser vision and compete with Naples , Kiawah, Destin and other high end resorts . We can't nor want to try to be everything to everybody . This is a small island and don't want to ruin the very charm and tranquility people come here for and live here for . Again 10lbs of material in a 5 lb bag just will not work well . I will leave this debate to others .

On another note you each have been elected for many reasons and the main interest for me is spending other peoples monies namely the tax payers money as you would your own . I for one appreciate your dedication , service and also feel you all deserve more compensation than you receive not less.

Update : I have recently filed a lawsuit against the Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber of Commerce who receives public monies from our town and state and this particular lawsuit is based simply on the fact this Chamber and its current abusive leadership has refused financial info under a FOIA request by my lawyers as well as refused the Island Packet newspaper simply wanting to confirm all my allegations.

I will take this to SC Supreme Court if need be. This Chamber has redrafted its bylaws , has violated its bylaws , has an appointed buddy board with no term limits not elected with term limits . It violates members , tax payers , IRS non profit tax laws as written governing 501-c6 organizations, it violates its own mission statement , it violates business , trade and competitive practices against its own media members . It has attempted over charges of a past proposed 600 per sq ft welcome center, the buddy board has in secret 3 person compensation committee approved a salary and pay package for 1 paid employee of 400k almost 4 times the SC Governor , excessive overhead and expensives , excessive travel cost, taking our money to Canada not doing a bidding process and supporting local companies , 26 employees and as I understand it also refused to provide all financial info to the Hilton Head Town Council under Tom Peebles when mayor ?????

I now ask again for my lawyer and our current working lawyer Mayor Drew Laughlin to respond back to all of us on if before handing 1 penny to Bill Miles and the few buddy board members who are controlling and continue this abuse can our town legally require this Chamber and its now group of lawyers from Charleston to refuse

this transparency and request to our elected officials ? If this is even possible and we have Current SC laws that allow the lawyers to hide behind and refuse transparency we are all in huge trouble .

I fully intend on filing additional lawsuits against this Chamber once this Foia request lawsuit is answered by the Chamber lawyers in 2 weeks. Lawsuits will be based on 600.00 sqft proposed welcome center and Architect claiming to me Bill Miles was in charge of this estimation cost , unfair trade , business and competitive practices , unfair local Bidding process taking our money to Canada and more. I see damage claims by some local media from loss of income from all this as well. Some media perhaps forced out of business from this chamber directly competing unfairly with them as members expecting to be fully supported not looked at like a competitor or worse the enemy .

I have filed a IRS Whistle Blower case against this Chamber as well. This case is being reviewed in Ogdon ,Utah and Washington DC. I have told IRS if they do not enforce their own 501-c6 tax codes , I will set my company up as a 501-c6 and no longer pay corporate taxes from our company forprofit ventures . IRS is not in a good position at this point , neither are the Chambers and CVBs who are in 100% violation of these 501-c6 tax codes. I have read these tax codes 10 times .

Last point if you add up all salaries of all council members and both mayors you reach barely 50% of the compensation of Bill Miles at 400k pay package which Includes his salary , free golf membership and all travel .He does not have to perform , keeps getting monies giving to him and could entertain on the golf course daily and still pick up his check on Friday . Their is no one to fire him because the appointed buddy board surrounds him.  
It takes 1000 local members to pay one salary .

I have laid out my 6 point plan on how this Chamber and all Chambers must operate . First action must be complete separation of the Chamber and CVB this will clean up 80% of the abuses and stop Bill Miles and this buddy board from commingling funds  
Ladies and Gentlemen as the saying goes "Houston we have a problem "  
Again thanks for your service to

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