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FYI this is all getting very serious and will continue to harm this community if it is all not fixed. The SC PRT will also need to be looked at for its role in promoting tourism to SC . Thanks

These emails were sent to all board members of the Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber and many others including many media ..

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Those who continue to sit on this board will lose business and credibility for themselves and the companies they represent as the abuse is allowed to continue and gets exposed in the press. It seems lawsuits are inevitable as well. I was shocked at how much dislike there was for how the

Hilton Head Chamber operates, after attending the Bluffton Chamber business expo yesterday. Many people simply do not understand how so many business leaders sitting on this board do nothing and allow the abuse to continue. Further, if tax violations are proven, I am afraid this will also spill over to the board members that allowed and approved how this Chamber was allowed to operate. I think many of you are decent hard working people and have just found themselves in the middle of something they have not taken the time to fully understand.

Charlie, your rebuttal is shallow and misguided as Official Spokeswoman of the Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber of Commerce in the recent Island Packet article. I have nothing personal against you or anyone else. In fact I am not alone, there are hundreds who agree with me and evident of the continued drop in your membership from 1600 to 1250 members, as I understand it. One of the problems is lack of transparency on many issues which makes for a guessing game for many of us who are members/owners of this organization. Interesting question - if members are not owners, who is the owner? Let's be clear, 95% of this island is totally opposed to just several items of abuse I have exposed and can't imagine you and other board members don't agree with.

Bill Miles' salary/ Pay Package/ Travel Expenses, total expenses and overhead, 26 employees, no elections or term limits of board members, subbing out work to Canada. The unfair competition to media members and all the rest of media related issues, 99% of the local Media I have spoken to agree with my position. I will continue to prove all this and in fact have already. Again, surprised you and other board members are not clear on this, after all the facts have been presented.

What I have are facts of abuse and attempted abuse on many fronts by our local Chamber and its leadership that you keep defending as the spokesman and I guess only reason is to keep your job, understandable. You claim in the latest article, the Chamber is abiding by IRS tax codes for 501-c6 non profits and I can tell you 100% you are wrong and the final IRS ruling will prove this, if IRS in fact enforces their very own tax laws. If not myself and other media can and will also be able to avoid taxes by just converting our companies to a non profit 501-c6 and run for profit media as such. There is no escape for IRS ruling favorably and if they do not rule favorably, the future tax loss will be perhaps in the hundreds of millions by losing for profit media tax paying companies that run these tourism magazines and destination marketing websites, like Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber is doing with its Vacation Guide and its website

Hiltonheadisland.org that you are defending and is clearly a for profit media website. What I see is the Chamber combined with the VCB, has become nothing more than a huge local 26 employee media company selling ads, sponsorships along with all the rest. I feel with bylaw changes with elections and term limits of Board members alone will clean most all of abuse this up.

Charlie, I look at you as nothing more than a woman who has become a victim of circumstances, in the wrong place at the wrong time and just trying to do a job not much different than a lawyer representing someone they know deep down inside is wrong and guilty. The facts are facts, truth is truth, and makes no difference if my attacks are personal

or not.

I invite you as the spokesman, to a private debate at the Island Packet offices on issue by issue as asked by the Packet reporter giving detailed answers backed up with real facts or where those facts can be obtained. Would this not help and settle everything for everyone involved? When people refuse to debate or answer questions in detail, all it does is prove there is something to hide and fuels the opposition to even try harder to get answers.

Explain one point, what exactly do you feel is my personal and disgruntled feelings all about? This would be a good start. Thanks

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