

## My Request to Out-of-Town Visitors This Weekend

*Help Stop Local Chambers & CVBs Nationwide  
from Unfairly Competing with Their Members.*

### \$5 Million Cash Reward

#### Investigation is Needed

Many chamber boards are thumbing their noses at Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests by their members and the media for transparency. Many are violating IRS non-profit tax codes. Others need to be investigated by the Department of Justice for corruption. Unfortunately the IRS is now part of the problem with lack of enforcement of tax avoidance schemes by Chambers, thereby causing millions in unpaid taxes and further abuse to everyday Americans.

#### Local Chamber Members Across Our Nation Are Being Cheated!

All across America there are thousands of local chambers and affiliated Convention and Visitor Bureaus (CVBs) cheating legitimate, hard-working, often struggling, local media companies by unlawfully profiting from ad sales and usurping millions of dollars from local ad pools.

#### Unfair Advantage!

Despite having a mission statement of "Standing Up for American Enterprise", these chambers are illegally taking advantage of their own members. Hiding behind 501-c6, non-profit, tax-exempt status, they are taking ad sales profits unlawfully and padding the pockets of overpaid executives. They avoid taxes while media companies are forced to compete with them while paying corporate taxes — a difference often large enough to push the media companies to the brink of bankruptcy. It is clearly unfair trade and an unfair competitive practice — a cause for damage claims.

#### IRS Suit Filed. \$5 Million Reward Offered

I have filed an IRS Whistle Blower Suit against the Hilton Head Island/ Bluffton Chamber of Commerce plus over 100 other chambers and CVBs across the U.S.A. to seek a ruling on these practices. It is not a level playing field when chambers can operate as tax-exempt entities, often using public funds, while competing directly and unfairly with legitimate businesses. I have offered a \$5 million cash reward to anyone who can get the IRS to enforce their tax code and pay the whistle-blower fee on all the U.S. cases I've filed!

#### What About Your Community?

If you are a visitor from out of town for this weekend's great golf tournament or here on Easter vacation, I ask you to find out about your community. Quite possibly your local chamber is involved in similar unfair practices because no one has shined the light on them. This is a national affront to free enterprise, especially when one considers the shamefully exorbitant salaries many of these chamber presidents are paid. One outrageous example is the \$351,003 in salary and perks paid in 2011 to Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce president Bill Miles. It is ten times the pay of our mayor and three times the pay of our South Carolina Governor. Tom Donahue, President of the U.S. Chamber had a salary in excess of \$4.7 million in 2011 complete with free jet and limo usage. Take a look. Is your chamber denying transparency in violation of the law.

#### Join our fight

Help protect local businesses against Chamber abuse! We believe the IRS should be aggressively enforcing their 501-c6 Codes. Help put an end to these practices by contacting your congressmen and state representatives.



Visit my website at [StopChamberAbuse.com](http://StopChamberAbuse.com) for more details.

Feel free to personally contact me at [Skip@StopChamberAbuse.com](mailto:Skip@StopChamberAbuse.com) to find out how you can help.

Respectfully,

*Skip Hoagland*