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Subject: comment on draft Tax Abatement Disclosure rule

The rules suggested in the draft document are too weak and too narrow.

The board should draft a broad rule that throws as much light as possible on the amount of any and all abatement granted by any Governmental body in the USA. All recipients and their brokers must be fully identified along with any fees paid, any campaign contributions by the companies and brokers and a rigorous accounting of how many jobs (or other commitments) were added, if any. The disclosures must cover the entire period of each deal as well as annual snapshots. Our Democracy is financed by taxes. Abatement of any of those taxes must be done transparently for the good of our Democracy.

Sincerely

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