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To: Director - GASB

Subject: project 19-20E

Dear Members of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board: Polls show that a substantial majority of "we the people" believe that government at all levels serves private interests rather than the common good. Such fears are certainly justified when decisions in the interest of powerful constituencies take place in secret. Thus I urge the Accounting Standards Board to require the disclosure of all state and local subsidies to businesses. The recipients of such subsidies need to be identified and along with them the brokers who negotiated the subsidies, including not only a disclosure of what fees, if any, were paid and what relevant campaign contributions, if any, were made but also an accounting of what benefits (e.g. added jobs, increased taxes paid), again if any, the public obtained. Such disclosures and accountings, made annually, should be mandated for the lifetime of the arrangement. "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants."

Sincerely, Donald Rowe (a concerned citizen)