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From: Jim Lutz

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014

To: Director - GASB

Subject: Tax Abatement Disclosure proposal

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that I fully support disclosure of tax abatement and feel the related proposal (Project No. 19-20E) is a step in the right direction. In fact, if it can be broadened and strengthened, that is even better. Citizens deserve to know where their tax dollars are going, what businesses are getting away with, and how it affects their communities - how many jobs are created, how much tax is avoided in return, and so on. I think that making as much information public as possible related to tax abatement is only fair - after all, my property taxes, the value of my home, and even my tax payment history are all public record. Why should businesses be able to hide their dealings if citizens like me do not enjoy anywhere close to the same level of privacy?

Thank you very much for this much-needed proposal. I hope that it will go into effect.

Jim