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David Kooris
Connecticut Port Authority Board Chair

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I write to express serious concerns over the most recent revelations of illegal gift-taking at the Connecticut Port Authority.

As the Ranking Senator on the legislature's Transportation Committee, I would like to know:

- 1) Has the port authority adopted stronger ethics and communications standards to limit any real or appearances of conflicts of interest? If so, when did that happen, and can you please send me these updated standards?
- 2) Did the port authority ever attempt to investigate which board members took illegal gifts? If so, can you please detail what steps were taken, when they were taken and what was discovered?
- 3) Will any current CPA employees be disciplined for taking illegal gifts in the past? If not, why not?
- 4) Who is CPA's current ethics compliance officer, and has that individual ever taken illegal gifts?
- 5) Has your current ethics compliance officer been involved in any ethical controversies during his or her employ at CPA?
- 6) Have any current CPA employees taken illegal gifts? Are any of these employees still employed by CPA? If so, who and why?
- 7) Have any current CPA board members taken illegal gifts? If so, who?
- 8) Can you please send me the names of any current or former CPA employees and/or board members who have taken illegal gifts?

Thank you for answering these questions so that I may keep my constituents informed.

Sincerely,

Heather Somers
State Senator, 18th District