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Michael Bryan
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Dear Director Bryan:

While appreciative of your letter of March 16, 2012, it does not directly respond to the questions that prompted my letter to the 21st District legislators. Reading the letter reminded of the saying that "a pier is a disappointed bridge." After several readings of your letter there is simply no way for me to satisfactorily allow the pier to substitute for a bridge.

Specifically, my request asked for explanations for the following: the appearance of the Office of Criminal Investigation agents at my home; whether the visit was possibly politically motivated; and was the Department of Taxation involved in political intimidation. Does the department routinely send agents out on these matters or was I and/or the Union County Watchdog Association a special case. None of these issues are addressed in your letter, and I renew my request for a more complete explanation of the procedures followed that resulted in the disturbing visit to my home.

Your comment regarding sensitivity and zealotry in "enforcement efforts" is appropriate and responding meaningfully to the request for explanations from citizens speaks to the sincerity of efforts to reduce anxiety when dealing with the Department of Taxation. It is reassuring to hear that changes in procedures will prevent future occurrences of such an intrusive nature from occurring; however, please understand that I am still trying to come to terms with my past experience with such an investigation.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Tina Renna
President

cc: Governor Christopher Christie
Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr.
Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick
Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz

Our Mission

The Union County Watchdog Association, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization working on behalf of residents and taxpayers to monitor Union County government and advocate for the elimination of waste, corruption and incompetence. We believe that good government can only be achieved through a system of checks and balance - a system that includes the watchful eye of the people.