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About three months ago we were contacted by a retired employee of HFS that we should start looking into some matters of corruption. After asking lots of questions and being contacted by many anonymous tipsters we have uncovered the following:

1. HFS Executive Theresa Eagleson received a gift basket of alcohol and other Michigan gifts in excess of seventy five dollars from a vendor soliciting business with Illinois by proxy of Michigan and our opinion is this violates 5 ILCS 430 The Gift Ban Act and the ethics code.
2. HFS Executive Theresa Eagleson distributed alcohol on state time to employees in violation of the HFS Employee Rules and Regulation.
3. HFS Executive Stephen Depooter received a box of Cuban cigars in violation of the gift ban act, ethics code and federal law Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515.
4. HFS Executives were entertained by CNSI who was soliciting and discussing business by proxy of Michigan during a conference in Boston. The HFS staff was invited to a private boat trip that was only offered to those who were being solicited. This is not to be confused with the boat ride that conference attendees were allowed to take a ride on.
5. HFS Executive Stephen Depooter shared insider vendor information with a competitor in order to fence out competition.
6. HFS Executives have misused the Office of Inspector General Internal Affairs Bureau in order to abuse its powers in order to cover up the wrong doing. We are not sure if the Inspector General's office was aware of the allegations against the executives, but this serves as notice.
7. Stephen Depooter allegedly has offered a promotional position to the Internal Affairs investigator in charge. This would be a tragedy if the Inspector General's office was part of the problem.

8. HFS Executives have created no bid contracts by entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement to share a system with Michigan, but is not being shared and is a separate instance.
9. HFS Executive have falsified and altered government records in response to FOIA requests.
10. HFS Executive Stephen Depooter had his staff remove his desktop computer from his office and wipe the drive after we asked that the information requested in the FOIA requests be retained per pending litigation.

We take this opportunity to file this formal complaint and ask for immediate action. We have seen nothing but arrogance and a cover up from HFS Executives when asking for transparency. We have filed FOIA requests from the State of Illinois Healthcare and Family Services, State of Michigan, State of Illinois Central Management Services, Ethics Commission of Michigan and Federal CMS and have attached a few supporting documents. We will make available emails submitted by tipsters upon request. One of our tipsters would like to speak with you directly about these matters. She is available under anonymity M-F after 5. The public deserves a transparent government, therefore we will be posting this letter and attachments to our website and wait your reply.

Sincerely,
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