

Prepared for the US Justice Department
Attorney General of the United States

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Please accept the enclosed criminal complaint under the cover of this letter on behalf of the Complainant Jeff Mashburn and the taxpayers of Texas. It is of the most unfortunate circumstances that taxpayers have no other choice but seek help and relief from the US Justice Department in regard to criminal activity and behavior demonstrated at all levels of government and by public servants who have sworn by oath to uphold the law(s) of Texas the United States of America as stated in the US Constitution, but have refused to perform their duties in which they were elected to do. The documents and exhibits contained in this criminal complaint are irrefutable proof of the negligence and disregard for the rights of taxpayers in Texas and by which are also applicable across the United States.

One very important aspect to this complaint is the deliberate attempt by elected and appointed public officials to interfere with due process and violation(s) of the 5th and 14th Amendment(s) of the US Constitution. Creating smoke screens and refusing to respond to requests allowed by law to access information and data under the “Open Records Act” or the “Freedom of Information Act” are by nature criminal offenses. The Complainant has been denied access to information that is part of the public record for many years regarding the matters pertaining to this criminal complaint.

Thousands of hours and dollars have been spent going back to 2006 to try and expose many wrongs that exist in Texas today. This complaint has been filed based on research, documents, letters, contracts, factual data, the public record, and the rule of law in Texas. This Complaint has submitted regarding the actions and conduct of the Itasca Independent School District and board members located in Hill County, Texas. Due to the lack of cooperation and transparency regarding matters of great importance as been demonstrated by the district, its serving board members, and administrators over a period of time starting in 2020 to present this complaint has been assembled and submitted. The root problems and cause regarding fraud and corruption go back several decades in Texas.

The taxpayers of Hill County Texas are seeking relief from the court(s) and US Justice Department from wrongful and willing financial harm resulting from what are believed to be deliberate, fraudulent, and deceptive practices based on the actions of public servants and the public record. These complaints involve actions and decisions made by the board of trustees relevant to “Green Energy” contracts totaling \$5.2 billion dollars without input or a vote from taxpayers in the district as well as the financial conduct regarding the annual

budget, bond payment history and failure to retire outstanding bond debt(s), information published in the District's Annual Financial Reports for 2023 and 2024, and a contract with an Energy Conservation Company executed by the district that violated statutes in the Texas Education Agency Code Chapter 44.01.

The issues surrounding these contracts have long lasting consequences for taxpayers and have raised questions pertaining to legality and authority of school districts to enter into contracts of this nature, scope, and cost without the taxpayer's involvement. There also serious issues surrounding the data and information submitted in the application filed with the State Comptroller's Office of Texas. It is believed the financial information disclosed is inaccurate and has multiple areas in conflict with state and federal laws pertaining to rules of the Internal Revenue Service.

As a result of the decisions made by the board of trustees and district administrators the districts financial status and health is in jeopardy. The districts inability to retire bond debt(s) since 2014 has been questioned because of the perceived benefit(s) from (3) Chapter 313 Agreements. The benefit of these contracts is not apparent or understood by taxpayers within the Itasca ISD taxing jurisdiction. On February 3rd, 2025, the board of trustees voted unanimously to approve and put forth a \$34,000,000.00 dollar bond referendum that will increase the debt burden to taxpayers by over 400 percent. This bond referendum exceeds the 25% bond cap allowed by law as stated in the Texas Education Code Chapter 45. School districts are limited to the 25% cap based on the total aggregate amount of outstanding bond debt(s). This is direct and blatant violation of the law by elected public servants sworn to uphold the rule of law. The Itasca ISD and its board members have failed to cooperate with taxpayers regarding investigations into the financial conduct of the district since 2020. The failure of local law enforcement at all levels in Hill County to take action on the criminal complaint filed with the Itasca Police Depart on February 18th, 2025, and due to economic conditions and high property taxes that are a burden to taxpayers living within the Itasca ISD taxing jurisdiction we are requesting intervention and investigation by the US Justice Department of the United States.

The citizens of Itasca, Texas in Hill County have exercised an abundance of time, energy, and personal cost to mitigate these matters using all available avenues and resources at our disposal. Elected leaders in the State of Texas have failed to respond and to stop what has been allowed to go on for too long and has impacted taxpayers and homeowners with irrevocable harm and loss of wealth, homes and property while subsidizing the "Green Energy" industry on the backs of taxpayers.

It is the prayer of the Complainant and taxpayers of Itasca, Texas that justice will be served and the rights and privileges of citizens of Texas as granted in the US Constitution will be restored to the fullest extent as enumerated in the Constitution of the United States of America.

VERIFICATION

I, Jeff Mashburn of Hill County, do affirm that all statements made herein are true and accurate, in all respects, to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Jeff Mashburn, Hill County, Texas

As a Notary Public, I hereby certify that Jeff Mashburn of Itasca, in Hill County who is known to me, appeared before me and after affirming, he executed the foregoing document on this the fourth day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty-five (2025).

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notary Seal

Sincerely,

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