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Honorable Diana Irely Vaughan
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RE: Forensic Audit of the LSA Account

Commissioners,

After 6 years of attempting to verify with you, the procedures and accounting of public monies used for Washington County's Local Share Account (LSA) of gaming revenues, it has become clear there is resistance to ensuring the procedure is ***fair, accountable, and transparent***. Sufficient information is still lacking, in fact, you have gone to court, at taxpayer expense, to block making the information public.

As noted last year at a press conference on October 13, 2021, I believe there is approximately \$10 million for which I continue to have questions about.

Further, as noted previously, the chairman of the LSA Review Committee has apparently approved at least 10 LSA grants for his own non-profit. If this is accurate, wouldn't that at least give rise to the appearance of a conflict-of-interest?


Over the years, as I met with constituents and their groups, many have been unaware of the LSA program and their abilities to apply for grants. The lack of advertising, or absence of outreach ensures worthy groups are cut off from access, leaving these funds for a select few.

This appears to be a system inherently unfair.

As such, I am requesting the state Auditor General to perform an audit of Washington County's LSA program. The Auditor General has jurisdiction to review state public monies.

Further information can be reviewed at my Representative Bud Cook website <http://www.repbudcook.com/lainfo>

I would appreciate your immediate attention and action to restore the confidence in the Washington County LSA Grant process.

Most Sincerely,

Representative Bud Cook
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