



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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DOCKET NUMBER 91-7) STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF A) 97 ELM STREET (REAR)
COMPLAINT AGAINST) HARTFORD, CONN. 06106
MR. THOMAS COLAPIETRO) APRIL 8, 1991

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT OF COMPLAINT AND DISMISSAL THEREOF

Pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1-93(a), Connecticut General Statutes, the State Ethics Commission hereby notifies you that on March 14, 1991, The Honorable Eugene A. Migliaro, Jr. filed a complaint alleging that you have violated provisions of the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists, Chapter 10, Part II, Connecticut General Statutes. A copy of the complaint is enclosed.

As provided for in subsection 1-93(a), Connecticut General Statutes, the Ethics Commission met on April 1, 1991 and dismissed the Complaint. The Commission's rationale was that the allegations stated in the Complaint did not state a cause of action under the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists. Pursuant to your request, this matter will not be confidential and will be a matter of public record.

By order of the Commission,

Linda Decker
Acting Clerk of the Commission

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March 27, 1991

Mr. Alan Plofsky, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
97 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Mr. Plofsky:

In reference to the letter of complaint filed against me by Representative Migliaro dated March 13, 1991, I am authorizing you as the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission to make public any information regarding these allegations against me. That includes the outcome of your decision.

If any further information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 674-0143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Colapietro".

Tom Colapietro, President
CT State UAW CAP Council

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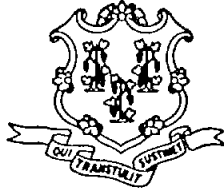
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March 13, 1991

Mr. Alan Plofsky, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
97 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Mr. Plofsky:

I have a question and a complaint which I would like the State Ethics Commission to investigate. As you know, I have been in the legislature for 17 years and I am one of the few legislators who does not take campaign contributions or other gifts from lobbyists.

I would like to know if a lobbyist who is registered with the State Ethics Commission has a code of ethics or conduct in which he is required to follow.

The lobbyist for the United Auto Workers (UAW) Thomas Colapietro has begun a smear campaign against me with my fellow colleagues. Mr Colapietro alleges that I intend to support the conversion of the Bridgeport Jai-Ali to a dog track because I have been wined and dined by the owners of the fronton.

This is the farthest thing from the truth. First of all, Mr. Colapietro stated that he had eyewitnesses who have seen me being wined and dined and that I have been sipping the most expensive champagne available.

I have not been to the Bridgeport facility since the Jai-Ali players strike and on the second accusation, I do not drink, therefore how could I have been seen sipping the most expensive champagne.

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What Mr. Colapietro has done with his character assassination is put me in an awkward position. If I support the conversion it looks like he was right and if I vote against it then it will make him look like some sort of powerful lobbyist.

Mr. Colapietro is trying to coerce and manipulate me and other colleagues into voting against this bill and I take exception to this practice. As for myself, Mr. Plofsky I could care less because there is nothing he can do to me. What concerns me is my other colleagues and the freshman who may fall victim to his manipulation.

I believe the State Ethics Commission should revoke Mr. Colapietro's badge and restrict him from lobbying the General Assembly in addition to fining him for unfair lobbying practices.

I, Mr. Plofsky will not be bought or sold. Please keep me abreast of the situation.

Sincerely,



EUGENE A. MIGLIARO JR.
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
80TH DISTRICT

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