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Mr. Gregg Cox Director, Special Prosecution Division Travis County District Attorney's Office 509 West 11th Street Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Cox:

I am requesting that the Special Prosecution Division of the Travis County District Attorney's Office begin a formal and thorough investigation into the transactions between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and 21CT.

I am particularly concerned about the reported involvement of Jack Stick and any other state employees in the negotiations and approval of the contract with 21CT.

It is alarming to read of Mr. Stick's direct involvement and apparent insistence that 21CT be granted a contract when there is the reality, or certainly appearance, of relationships between Mr. Stick and the principals of the company.

The amount of money that was awarded in a non-competitive bid to a company with a questionable business product should cause us all concern.

Again, I am asking that your office review any and all conflicts of interest and potential violations of the law and hold all parties involved accountable on behalf of the taxpayers of the State of Texas.

As always, I appreciate the work you do on behalf of the citizens of Texas. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.



John Whitmire

