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Dear FTB Executives and Board Members:

At the September 2024 meeting, I made a public comment asking FTB to disclose whether they have any system of oversight in place to ensure the \$10.5 million dollars earmarked to help educate low-income people about the Cal-EITC tax credit was being properly utilized. The comment is from 1:59 - 2:01: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djxjeNbLgQQ>

I believe that FTB was supposed to respond within a month. Could you please address the issue that I raised?

I have received some information from CDS in response to a public records request. While most of the information looks correct to me, I have seen some questionable invoices. Attached is one example of an item of concern for me. In this batch, there are three invoices from The Golden State Opportunity Foundation from December 2018. The invoices are all for help with tax preparation services, and they total \$134,219. The invoices indicate that the vast majority of the funds went to “subcontractor” and “other.” One of the people who commented on this topic at the June 2024 meeting stated that it costs an average of \$150 per tax return. This means that The Golden State Opportunity Foundation should have facilitated about 890 tax returns.

Does FTB have records of how many tax returns were filed as a result of the facilitation via The Golden State Opportunity Foundation? Does FTB have records of who the sub-contractors are, exactly how many returns each subcontractor filed in December 2018 and how much each subcontractor was paid? Does FTB have an itemization of what constitutes “other?”

I’d also like to note that The Golden State Opportunity Foundation had also submitted separate invoices for the “education” aspect of outreach program, so these invoices are only for help with tax preparation. I will happily forward you the “educational aspect” invoices from The Golden State Opportunity Foundation for December 2018 upon request.

We taxpayers are eager to understand exactly how our tax dollars are being spent. Since I have already waited over three months for a response, I would appreciate a timely response.

Regards,

Christine Grab

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