

To elected officials, state employees and media representatives:

I am mailing this to a large number of individuals hoping that someone will assist me in getting three questions answered.

I have contacted various officials with my concerns that the Troy Downtown Development Authority (TDDA) collects more tax increment finance revenues than the law allows. I either get NO response or that there is nothing they can do. A **proper audit** of their required annual reports will show that they collect tax increment revenues for their entire district and not just the development (plan) areas as allowed by law. As David M. Walker, Comptroller General for the United States writes: *“Government auditing is a key element in fulfilling the government’s duty to be accountable to the people.”*

I am forwarding you a copy of a letter, with attachments, that lays out in detail the need for a proper audit and why the TDDA is violating the law. There are three simple questions at the end whose answers will determine whether there is need for legal action by the Attorney General’s office of the State of Michigan. I have placed “??” marks for the two mailing addresses since the address I received and used for the State Tax Commission elicited NO response to a previous letter I wrote. (I have not previously written the Audit division since I could not find or obtain a mailing address).

My request is simple, if you feel and believe that local units of government should to be held accountable and should be required to follow the law that applies to them, please read my letter. If you believe that my concerns are valid and that the TDDA may have violated the law, please help me get this information to the State Tax Commission and the Local Audit and Finance Division of the Treasury.

Please respond to my mailing with any comments that you have and whether you wish to assist me in getting an answer to my three questions.

Thank you.

Respectively,  
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