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**via U.S. Mail and Email (jcohen@wnpr.org)**

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Jeff Cohen  
WNPR  
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**Re: Your Second Set of Questions for Treasurer Adam Cloud – 9/24/2015**

Dear Mr. Cohen:

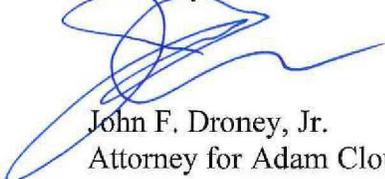
Apparently, our prompt and honest response to your email inquiry of September 22<sup>nd</sup> appears to be a classic case of “no good deed goes unpunished.” Your “series of follow ups”, received today, are simply aggressive, unsupported accusations in the form of questions which are, for the most part, insulting and rhetorical. Given your obvious hostility to my client, no sit down interview can be scheduled at this time.

I believe the City of Hartford invested in Vista twice in the total amount of about 20 million dollars. If the Treasurer’s project known as “Economically Targeted Investment” (ETI) had gotten off the ground, the Treasurer planned to encourage every business that he could to invest locally.

Back9 was and is a local company with a National footprint. Adam’s father, Sandy Cloud, was involved in the company from early 2013. Back9 was not a tenant of the Treasurer’s family’s business at the time of the email to Vista (December 8, 2011). Back9 was, for a short time, a tenant in a building owned by the Treasurer’s family. This leasehold arrangement was not a factor in the 2011 email mention of Back9 to Mr. Robert Smith.

This will be the Treasurer’s final and only statement on this matter. Please do not take this prompt response to your inquiry as any encouragement to follow up with more questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John F. Droney, Jr.', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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