It has been an accepted practice for many years. The companies get tax write-offs, and with the Mayor they spread good will, get positive publicity, and earn recognition as a good corporate citizen. I can show you pictures of Mayor Menino in Boston, Mayors Kevin and Michael Sullivan in Lawrence, Mayors in Worcester, Springfield, you name it --- no one has ever questioned these "feel good" partnerships until now. How did these seemingly good deeds practiced by many public officials and private companies suddenly become crimes?

Judge, I am an educated person. My degrees are in political science, and my life experience is vast. But for the life of me, I cannot understand what has gone on here.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

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