

the recommendations of HOWARD ALLEN BELLAS and awarded Tax Increment Finance Notes to contractors and projects recommended by HOWARD ALLEN BELLAS.

4. During late 2007, HOWARD ALLEN BELLAS met with a contractor and with an associate of a consulting company at the office of the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority to discuss a Tax Increment Finance Note for a construction project being undertaken by the contractor. HOWARD ALLEN BELLAS, in his capacity as director of the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, then met with the members of a Township Planning Commission for the purpose of recommending approval of a Tax Increment Finance Note to benefit the contractor. The Tax Increment Finance Note was thereafter awarded to the benefit of the contractor in an amount well in excess of \$5,000.

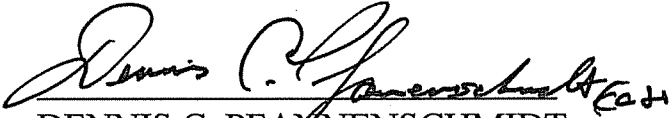
In or about September of 2008, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and within the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the defendant,

HOWARD ALLEN BELLAS,

in his capacity as the Director of the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, did knowingly, intentionally and corruptly accept and agree to accept from another person, namely, the above-described contractor to whom a Tax Increment Finance Note was awarded in late 2007, cash in the amount of \$2,000, for the benefit of the

Defendant, intending to be influenced and rewarded in connection with the awarding of the Tax Increment Finance Note by the contractor.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 666(a)(1)(B).


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