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To Honorable Peter Visclosky
Indiana State Congressman

This pertains to all members of the Good Government Initiative: NIPSCO, USX, ISPAT, BP, Mr. Charbonneau, Mr. Lowery, and you Congressman Visclosky. One thing that puzzles me in your "Draft compact with voters of Lake County" is that this only pertains to local elected officials not any of the above companies or individuals.

Never once have I seen anyone representing your committee at a county Commissioners meeting. They are all public. All actions on contracts, appointments, bids etc. are all done at open public meetings "This is the law." We have reporters at all our public meetings who report on proceedings.

Look at the spending of our Federal Government, when President Bush got in office five years ago our country had an annual budget surplus of over 200 billion dollars. Now today we have a record deficit of over four hundred billion dollars not counting the changes this year. We built a new jail and juvenile center for \$55 million dollars with no over run. The Federal Government built a Federal courthouse for approximately \$64 million dollars in Hammond at a cost of 9 million dollars over budget and two years behind schedule.

President Bush and Vice President Cheney should explain there inside trading profits from stock they sold. Also, as far a bidding process Halliburton and General Electric received millions of dollars from no bid contracts. On a daily basis who should be scrutinized?

Lets also look at salaries, benefit packages, and business expenses for federal, state, county, cities, schools, etc. I'm sure you will find county elected officials and employees