

# Texans For Public Justice

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Mr. Robert Pitman  
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Mr. Pitman:

Texans for Public Justice is respectfully asking the U. S. Attorney's office to commence an investigation into potential impropriety and possible illegal activity surrounding the awarding of taxpayer funded grants to private companies by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), the Texas Enterprise Fund, and the Texas Emerging Technology Fund.

Media reports and research by our organization have documented numerous political connections, including huge campaign donations, between grant recipients and the state's political leaders, who are charged with overseeing the grant projects.

At the least, these connections between grant recipients and the state's political leaders raise serious conflict-of-interest issues. At worst, they could cross lines of legality.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Any and all of our historical research into the operation of the Texas taxpayer grant programs is at your disposal.

Sincerely,

/s/

Craig McDonald  
Director, Texans for Public Justice