

It should also be recognized that the reporting and disclosure requirements of the statute do not prevent a lobbyist from exercising his or her rights to communicate with governmental leaders. They are still free to do so. However, what the statute does require is that the people of Georgia have access to information telling them what persons are contacting their elected leaders and what, if any, financial expenditures are being made in relation to these contacts

Georgia Constitution:

Paragraph V. Freedom of speech and of the press guaranteed. No law shall be passed to curtail or restrain the freedom of speech or of the press. Every person may speak, write, and publish sentiments on all subjects but shall be responsible for the abuse of that liberty.

Paragraph IX. Right to assemble and petition. The people have the right to assemble peaceably for their common good and to apply by petition or remonstrance to those vested with the powers of government for redress of grievances.

Robert J Proctor:

- Counsel for Vesta Holdings (buys tax liens and charges 1% per month and then sells for profit)
- Proctors & Chambers law firm

2/18/04 - during a telephone conversation Proctor stated that they only reason that Gray filed a complaint against him was because Proctor filed a complaint with the GA Bar against Gray for "unauthorized practicing of law".

He stated he did not receive compensation to come down to testify from any group. He did not make any expenditures to support or oppose HB888.

He wanted me to pass on to "those people" that he is not appearing anywhere unless there is a full blown APA hearing.

Proctor stated that he testified on behalf of himself, Vesta Holdings (for profit), Fulton County Taxpayers Association (non profit) and himself.

Proctor wants the commission to go after each and every single lawyer that speaks on behalf of a client that does not register.

I inquired if he was aware of USS-2 Unofficial Opinion of the AG - he stated that the he was not and it didn't matter because the AG is just another attorney.

I then asked if he was aware of the definition of lobbyist under 21-5-70 - he stated that he didn't "give a shit" what it said because he was not regulated by the 21-5-70 he is only regulated by the Supreme Court and the GA Bar Association.