

HIGHLIGHT AND URGE EXPEDITED IRS ACTION ON THE HSUS “LOBBYGATE” COVER-UP

The IRS and the Department of the Treasury’s Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration have now received a Background Paper that is entitled **“THE HSUS LOBBYGATE COVER-UP.”** This Background Paper summarizes the most flagrant lobbying and tax-related actions of the HSUS that are documented by over 1,400 pages of incriminating documents that include extracts from the HSUS Tax Returns for the years 2005-2009. Several of the highlights of the Background Paper summarize how the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) may have under-reported over \$500 Million in revenue on its 2005-2009 Tax Returns; may have expended over 40% of its monetary expenditures and the time of its Paid Staff and volunteers on direct and indirect lobbying activities; may have **“laundered”** money and lobbying activities through its infrastructure of Affiliated Organizations; may have improperly endorsed political candidates; may have generated Billions - - **YES BILLIONS** - - of lobby-related E-Mails to its Members, Volunteers and Elected Officials; and has explicitly **claimed credit for the passage of over 550 Federal and State Statutes and Ballot Initiatives.**

The first of the 1,400+ pages of documents were forwarded to the IRS over two years ago. Rest assured, the IRS is “quietly” investigating the lobbying activities of the HSUS because it has assigned a **Case File Number (29-92012)** to its investigation, and the Department of the Treasury’s Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration has also assigned a **Case File Number (55-1005-0025-C)**. However, after more than 2 years of an **“on-going examination”** by the IRS of the lobbying activities of the HSUS, it would appear that the IRS has not demonstrated a “sense of urgency” or high priority for bringing closure to its **“on-going examination.”** In this regard, I believe that if the **“Hotline”** for the Inspector General for Tax Administration of the Department of the Treasury received 5-10,000 E-Mails from concerned citizens who asked that Office to urge the IRS to **expedite finalization of the IRS investigation** of the excessive lobbying activities of the HSUS, IT WOULD DO SO! If you wish to participate in this E-Mail Blitz, you may do so by following the directions as set out below:

1. Address your E-Mail to: Complaints@tigta.treas.gov.
2. Use for the Subject line of your E-Mail: **OIG Case File Number 55-1005-0025-C.**
3. For the text of your message, you may wish to use language such as: ***“Now that the IRS has received over 1,400 pages that document the excessive lobbying activities of the HSUS, which may amount to an “HSUS LOBBYGATE COVER-UP;” and that the HSUS may have under-reported its revenue from Membership dues on its 2005-2009 Tax Returns by as much as \$500 Million or more, would you please urge the IRS to complete its investigation of the HSUS in an expeditious manner in order to ensure that the integrity of the IRS Compliance Program for tax-exempt, public charities is maintained.”*** (Note: You do not need to include your name or address if you do not wish to do so.)
4. If you do send an E-Mail to the OIG Hotline, please blind copy me on the bcc line of the E-Mail so that I may keep track of how many E-Mails are sent to the OIG. **Use f.losey@insightbb.com for my “bcc” E-Mail address.**