

**Re: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT -- IMPORTANT**

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To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

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Adam,

Below is information in response to your request.

Thanks,

Tony Choate

Congressman Cole represents the Fourth Congressional district of Oklahoma, which includes thousands of Chickasaw citizens who live and work there. As an active participant in the political process working to enhance the quality of life of our citizens, we support candidates who have similar policy views.

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From: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:16 AM  
To: Tony Choate  
Cc: Adam Andrzejewski  
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The Chickasaw Nation:

I am a senior policy contributor at Forbes publishing a piece tomorrow morning on powerful members of Congress soliciting campaign donations from federal contractors based in their district. We would like your perspective and want to include your feedback, comment, or context regarding the following:

1. Are you aware of or have any knowledge that Rep. Tom Cole ever recommended, provided background, wrote a memo, or provided any other communications including but not limited to grant requests, funding priority, letter marks, phone marks, or earmark request letters with congressional leadership, committee staff, etc., the administration, or any federal department, agency, sub-agency, or division on behalf of The Chickasaw Nation or its subdivisions?
2. The Chickasaw Nation benefits from federal grants, sub-grants, and Program 1033 military equipment and is headquartered in Rep. Tom Cole's district and the Chickasaw Nation, key employees, and affiliated lobbyists, collectively, are the all-time #1 campaign contributor to Mr. Cole. Further, since 2010, the Chickasaw Nation has registered lobbying activity on 23 bills either sponsored or co-sponsored by Rep. Cole. Please give comment or context specific to your relationship with Rep. Tom Cole and any ethical or conflict of interest issues.

This is a request for comment. We appreciate any feedback, context, or background that you can provide. Any comments, responses, background, and feedback are important to help us to properly represent the case study. We are asking for your input. My deadline is today at 7pm ET. If you miss our deadline, I'll do my best to update the piece to include any feedback.

Adam

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