



FROM THE DESK OF LEGISLATOR JOE MALONEY

# ULSTER COUNTY

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Honorable Letitia James  
Office of the New York State Attorney General  
The Capitol  
Albany NY 12224-0341

## Re: Request for Formal Investigation into Corruption in the Town of Marlborough

Dear Attorney General James,

My name is Joseph Maloney. I am a three-term Ulster County Legislator representing Saugerties, NY. Citizens of Marlborough, in the southern part of Ulster County, have sought me out to expose corruption that has gripped their town for years. After months of reviewing evidence and speaking with whistleblowers, I am compelled to present this matter to you directly, because local remedies have failed and the misconduct continues unchecked.

What we have uncovered:

- **Over \$20,000 in questionable spending** from the Marlboro Youth Football & Cheer organization, where Legislator Thomas Corcoran served as treasurer. Records show missing funds, unexplained withdrawals, and purchases that appear unrelated to league purposes.
- **Over \$50,000 in benefits and in-kind contributions** from a major developer with a multi-million-dollar project, directed to Legislator Corcoran and another town official, raising serious concerns of quid pro quo arrangements and a culture in the Town of Marlborough where businesses are made to feel as though this is what is required in order to obtain town approvals.
- **Use of law enforcement and legal threats** in ways that appear retaliatory against residents who questioned finances or opposed certain interests. Evidence includes multiple complaints, court records, and documented intimidation.

## Evidence of Embezzlement

The 2023 and 2024 bank statements (keep in mind he was the treasurer for over 15 years) and receipts show thousands in theft, with tens of thousands more in unexplained or missing funds — including \$10,000 in cash withdrawals with no receipts. In just two years, \$130,000 was withdrawn from the youth league without a single ledger or receipt to justify it (see chart). Some were surely legitimate, but a large portion of which is provably illegal: by his actions, Legislator Corcoran deliberately deprived the board and the public from the ability to independently scrutinize records and ascertain which is which without extensive review.

Payee	Amount
Amazon	\$ 1,144.67
Lowes	\$ 1,225.87
Over the Counter Checks	\$30,426.86
Paypal	\$11,610.13
Sam's Club	\$15,176.21
Withdrawals	\$10,132.86
Checks	\$60,545.23

*\*This release has been prepared for public distribution, with sensitive information redacted.*

Nevertheless, even without subpoena power — and despite Legislator Corcoran’s efforts to cancel accounts and conceal records — the board and I were able to uncover clear, egregious examples of misconduct, such as:

- **Sam’s Club receipts:** over \$1,000 in crab legs and diapers, over \$1,000 in gift cards (sports betting, makeup, lingerie, restaurant, Disney, Dunkin’ Donuts, etc.), a flat screen TV, a mattress box spring, hundreds of dollars in laundry detergents and shampoos, hundreds of dollars in infant and adult clothing — items clearly not related to a youth concession stand.
- **PayPal transactions:** HBO subscriptions, men’s Under Armour sneakers, a toddler Halloween costume, car parts, over \$1,000 in flower deliveries to family, friends and colleagues, and much more - a PayPal account that was never disclosed to the board. When leadership changed hands, Legislator Corcoran’s actions spoke volumes: instead of a transparent transition, he closed accounts and left no records, and it was only through the persistence of the new treasurer reopening the league’s bank account that these transactions were uncovered.
- Records showing that Legislator Corcoran **cashed out Sam’s Club “cash rewards”** that belonged to the league and pocketed them.
- Emails (attached) in which Legislator Corcoran himself admits he has “no receipts, invoices, or records” for tens of thousands of dollars of spending.
- Documentation showing, he attempted to **cancel accounts and zero out balances** once allegations began to surface — a deliberate cover-up.
- Unexplained transactions totaling **over \$2,500 of charges to Amazon and Lowes** to which Legislator Corcoran, to date, has refused to supply receipts.
- **Tax Fraud** Concerns: Personal purchases run through a youth league’s tax-exempt account, exploiting nonprofit status for private gain.

### **Evidence of Quid Pro Quo Culture in Marlborough**

Internal records and emails from a major business with a massive multi-million-dollar development proposal in front of the town government show a conservative estimate of **over \$50,000 in in-kind “gifts”** to the benefit of Legislator Corcoran and another town official. These included free meals, gift cards, use of facilities, and comped events.

- Four whistleblowers I interviewed directly witnessed the “gifts” and several were even told these benefits were required to “stay in good favor” and secure town approvals, permits, and the administration’s support. Much of this was documented and noted in real time.
- Letters of support and official approvals for the project line up with the timing of these benefits.
- Emails sent from a town official’s government account confirm thousands of dollars in improper “gifts” were provided.

### **Weaponization of Police and Intimidation**

- Ethics reports and recorded conversations show Legislator Corcoran falsifying police complaints, filing knowingly false reports, and disparaging private citizens.
- In one case, he used the Town Police to entrap a football coach who questioned his handling of youth league finances. This is supported by transcribed court records.
- Residents who have spoken out have faced harassment, lost jobs, and seen businesses destroyed.
- Marlborough town government have begun to use tax-payer funded law firms to silence opponents both on- and offline.

## Whistleblowers and Witnesses

I have attached bank statements, receipts, vendor confirmations, emails, and corroborating testimony directly to your office. I also have whistleblowers and witnesses willing to cooperate, including:

- Current Marlboro Youth Football & Cheer board members,
- Former employees of the developer's business with knowledge of quid pro quo,
- Former Varsity Football Coach,
- Several Business owners, and
- Private citizens who have endured harassment and retaliation.

All are prepared to testify and provide documentation to your investigators.

## Failures of Local Law Enforcement

I personally filed a complaint with the Lloyd State Police barracks on **March 5, 2025**, and submitted supporting evidence on **March 6**. To date, there has been **no visible progress**. Whistleblowers have warned me that Legislator Corcoran was accused of similar theft years ago that was never fully investigated because of his local connections. It is impossible to ignore the concern that the same is happening now. If the State Police cannot or will not act, their handling of these matters itself must be investigated.

## Conclusion

This corruption is not abstract — it has **ruined lives**. Business owners have seen their livelihoods destroyed, employees have lost jobs, and families have been bullied or harassed for daring to question those in power. The people of Marlborough are scared, angry, and exhausted. They cannot wait any longer for accountability. They need your help.


I am asking you to open a full investigation into Legislator Thomas Corcoran, Supervisor Scott Corcoran, their associates, and the enabling environment that has allowed this corruption to fester. The misuse of taxpayer and nonprofit funds, the bribery tied to development projects, and the weaponization of law enforcement represent a **pattern of abuse of power** that cannot be ignored.

No one is above the law. The people of Marlborough deserve protection, accountability, and justice.

Respectfully,

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