

### **Text message #1**

Explaining how a business runs to two guys that have never run a business, let alone one my size and then starting to disclose numbers that may not be understood by the average person or even the above average person makes no sense to me.

Think of a heart surgeon trying to explain heart surgery to you and then you guys badgering him about some patient that died at some point in time on the operating room table. Then people read this and think he's a shitty surgeon but what they don't know is the guys body was riddled with cancer from smoking for 50 years.

I think it's abundantly clear that a business has only so much money. That money goes to a couple places, one the owner and two to retained earnings of which in my case I spent on machinery and buildings and research and development and many other important things to help grow our business right here in America. Like I said there's only so much money, so if I'm spending more money on buildings and machinery then there's less money for a salary. I think you have a non-story because if you burn me down I'm going to make you two look like complete idiots.

Yes my salary went down and yes my investment in America and machinery and factories went up. You guys are not Woodward and Bernstein on this particular topic. It appears to me that you're trying to twist and fabricate normal operations of a business in America into something nefarious which isn't fair. You have to go to bed at night knowing that you treated someone fairly. Why can't you to except the obvious fact that my salary went down because my investment in my company and my country went up big time, Duh!!!

I invited you to my company so I could show you the tens of millions if not hundreds of millions of dollars in investment in my country and not in China. If you have anything to report it's that more business owners should be like me.

And for the record, so I'm very clear on this; you are using illegally obtained information that you have no business using and should be deleted immediately from your systems. If you want to generically discuss the 199A program and how it could be abused by some and not be abused by others then by all means, go for it. Furthermore why do you even need to include my name in anything? I clearly have done nothing wrong and a hell of a lot right.

Remember in excess of \$371 million in taxes was paid by me between 2012 and 2019 and including 2020 it is well over \$400 million.

One other thing, you were complaining about the possibility of Bezos taking some of his stock and borrowing money against it, Just like somebody who lives in New York who's condo has gone up 10 times in value and now goes to the bank and borrows money against it and it's called a mortgage. He didn't sell anything he doesn't pay taxes on the millions he's taken out of the equity in his real estate. That's how America works. If I couldn't of taken \$50,000 out of the bank on a second mortgage on my little house I wouldn't have been able to start weathertech. Look what I did with the 50 grand. Maybe if Bezos took his 10 billion that he could borrow against his stock, he would build factories or buy a 1000 houses to house the homeless or clean the ocean, but I can guarantee you a lot of people would be working because he spent that money and taxes would be generated and money would circulate and good things will happen. I gave you a story to report on and that is something that will actually make a huge difference in America and that is the ability to buy things or sell things online without disclosing the country of origin.

If your reporting helped get that inacted that would be one of the most important things that ever happened this century. Your 199a idea is so lame that reporting what the dogcatcher is doing would be more important.

I am trusting you to do the right thing.

Best regards,  
David MacNeil

### **Text message #2**

Break it up anyway you want, you saw there was a half billion dollars in investment with your own eyes. Furthermore the only way to really know what's going on is to actually get copies of our full tax returns which you don't have and you'll never get from me. Because they are none of your business or anyone else's.

Clearly and without a doubt you saw the investment in machinery and buildings with your own eyes. That takes cash. I know you don't believe it takes money to run a business, because you've never done it, but it really does and lots of it.

Nobody takes an IOU especially the government and that's why we've paid hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes since 2012. How much have you paid? Chump change for sure. Enjoy!

You guys even work for a nonprofit company, talk about gaming the system!

The problem you have is that you're picking on someone that actually has reasons and answers for why their salary went down instead of as you say gaming the system.

But even if I didn't invest in anything, and even if I didn't spend a half billion dollars investing in my country by building factories filled with machinery, I'm fully within my legal rights to decide unilaterally, and without having to explain to you or anyone else that I decided to take a lower salary or a higher one. The tax code allows it. The rules allow it.

One more time it's totally lawful and ethical.

Speaking of Ethical, that isn't something that you or your bosses actually know about. You guys live in an alternate reality of thinking you can take stolen merchandise for the greater good. Screw your greater good, it's stolen merchandise. Stolen is stolen.

Being a reporter doesn't allow you to walk on water. It doesn't allow you to use stolen merchandise or information that is clearly a federal offense to obtain.

Doing what you're doing is not saving society, it just brings the society you're part of into the sewer.

Just because you're not the guy that walked out of the store with the stolen Rolex's doesn't mean that if the guy that stole them gives them to you, it's OK to keep them.

Why don't you buy a home and take a mortgage on it and start a business and see how far you get. See what you can do for society. See what you can do for your country. Give it a try.

Try employing 1700 people in America. Why don't you take the responsibility of complying with every federal and state law known to man.

Try making payroll for 32 years without fail.

You have absolutely no right to cast judgment on me or report on me or even use stolen data on me. Who do you think you are?

You too are a couple of nice young men and I'd like to have a beer with you, but what you are doing is absolutely wrong in so many ways it's astounding and it is even further astounding that you don't see it, We're trying to make a lame ass excuses to justify what you're doing with stolen information.

A twisted sense of righteousness and entitlement is just that.

You have nothing if you don't have ethics.

Hiding behind ones job title to screw with good American companies and patriotic Americans is abhorrent.

I'm fully expecting you guys to twist the facts to suit your twisted leftist agenda.

Maybe it's time to grow up and get a real job with real responsibility.

Create something. Build something.

Try working without knowing whether you're ever going to get a paycheck. Try it.

Work for a few years seven days a week 18 hours a day until you collapse every night not knowing whether your company is going to make it or not.

Fast forward 30 years and have to deal with a couple of young reporters with zero business experience barely out of school, that don't know jack shit about the real world and start busting my balls because you think you understand the real world.

Finally, when you look in the mirror what do you see?

If it's not the most moral, ethical, fair and honest man you can be, then you have a real problem, and that problem is called failure.

I would prefer you never write anything about me or my company. However if you have to write something about me you should write "This is the kind of man America needs, a man that believes in the great American worker, invests in America, and harnesses American technology to compete on the world stage and create jobs and prosperity right here in America."

David MacNeil