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Please describe the records you are requesting and provide as much specificity as possible, including applicable date ranges.

The Vermont Department of Taxes Compliance Division has initiated an audit of our restaurant claiming that we owe unpaid Sales and Use Taxes. We are a restaurant and do not have a SUT license and do not collect SUT taxes or file SUT returns.

I have asked several individuals in the department, most recently Kelly Bain, to give us the evidence upon which they based their audit. All they have been able to tell me is that this was a "referral". They've indicated that someone suggested that they audit our business for unpaid SUT taxes.

I want to know the name of the person who initiated this audit and the evidence they presented that prompted this audit.

I have cooperated with the Tax Department by submitting our complete general ledger for 2017 as requested by Kelly Bain but I feel like our business is assumed to be guilty until we can prove our innocence.

How did this whole matter get started?

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