

# FDA Executive Officer Exposes Close Ties Between Agency and Pharmaceutical Companies: ‘Almost a Billion Dollars a Year Going into FDA’s Budget from the People we Regulate’

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*FDA Executive Officer Chris Cole: “The drug companies, the food companies, the vaccine companies. So, they pay us hundreds of millions of dollars a year to hire and keep the reviewers to approve their products.”*

*Cole on FDA fees: “Congress approved user fees for [the] FDA. Basically, we charge the industry millions of dollars in order to hire more drug reviewers and vaccine reviewers which will speed up the approval process. So, they [pharmaceutical companies] make more money.”*

*Cole: “They [FDA] tone down the impact of the user fees on their operations because they know they’re dependent on the drug companies, and the vaccine companies, and these other companies for their agency to operate.”*

*Cole on blowing the whistle: “There’s not an incentive to speak out in government, surprisingly. You would think there would be, but there’s not. It’s better just to just not say anything and just ignore it.”*

*Cole on retaliation in government: “You’ll be marked from getting other jobs because another office is not going to want to hire you if you’ve spoken out about something, right or wrong. They don’t look at what you’ve spoken out about. They’re just not willing to- government’s about rocking the boat and they don’t want to- which is the problem I have with- one of the problems I have with government is, like, they don’t like people rocking the boat, for right or wrong, at all costs. They want to hire a safe person that can do the job, but doesn’t necessarily- is a great hire.”*

*FDA OFFICIAL STATEMENT: “The person purportedly in the video does not work on vaccine*

*matters and does not represent the views of the FDA nor does he speak on behalf of the agency. User fees provide instrumental funding for the FDA's independent review of medical products that make a difference in the lives of all Americans, without compromising the agency's commitment to scientific integrity, public health and regulatory standards, patient safety, and transparency."*

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Project Veritas published Part Two of its series on the FDA on Wednesday night which featured FDA Executive Officer, **Christopher Cole**, speaking about the inner workings of the agency including the FDA's conflicts of interest, overspending, and why it's hard for those within the agency to speak out on such abuses.



[Click here to watch the video.](#)

In the footage, Cole talks about the impact that pharmaceutical companies have on the agency including the process for approving drugs.

"A long time ago, Congress approved user fees for [the] FDA. Basically, we charge the industry millions of dollars in order to hire more drug reviewers and vaccine reviewers, which will speed up the approval process, so they make more money," Cole says in the hidden camera footage.

He then reveals that the FDA tones down the impact that these user fees have on the agency's operations because, "they're dependent on the drug companies, and the vaccine companies and these other companies for their agency to operate."

The incendiary footage, which features Cole talking about how the additional money the FDA brings in "gets banked" to be spent on "whatever you can, whether it's right or wrong," also features Cole discussing reasons why it's difficult for anyone in government to speak out about practices he sees as "probably excessive."

“I don’t think there’s enough people saying they’re, like, ‘Look, that’s fine, but that’s not right. So, we’re not going to charge that.’ You don’t want to be that person. You’re not going to have a long shelf life in the agency if you’re always that person,” Cole said.

“There’s not an incentive to speak out in government, surprisingly. You would think there would be, but there’s not. It’s better just to just not say anything and just ignore it. The whistleblower, well, it’s high-profile whistleblower statutes and everything, that’s kind of ridiculous,” Cole said before adding “it’s better to just stay quiet and accept.”

[Cole’s LinkedIn page](#) lists him as an Executive Officer within the agency’s Countermeasures Initiatives, which plays a critical role in ensuring that drugs, vaccines, and other measures to counter infectious diseases and viruses are safe. He made these revelations on a hidden camera to an undercover Project Veritas reporter.

A spokesperson for FDA issued a statement yesterday saying,

“The person purportedly in the video does not work on vaccine matters and does not represent the views of the FDA.”

This statement appears to contradict a phone call released Wednesday afternoon by Project Veritas wherein Cole reiterated, during the conversation with Project Veritas Founder and CEO, **James O’Keefe**, that he is “a manager in the office that helps oversee the approval of the COVID vaccines for emergency approval.”

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