



INDIANA  
**DISABILITY RIGHTS**

May 4, 2023

The Indiana State Ethics Commission  
315 W. Ohio St., Room 104  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: IDR Case

FILED

MAY 9 2023

INDIANA STATE  
ETHICS COMMISSION

Dear Indiana State Ethics Commission:

Please accept this gift rule waiver as notice of receipt of expenses from an organization that may have a business relationship with Indiana Disability Rights or who may be seeking to influence an action of a state employee or special state appointee in her official capacity. See 42 IAC 1-5-1.

**Name of Agency of Office:** Indiana Disability Rights (Protection & Advocacy Services, 00044)

**Name of Recipient:** Melissa Keyes, Executive Director

**Description of Item Received:** Reimbursement for a hotel for two nights in Phoenix, Arizona with an estimated value of \$382.74, while Ms. Keyes is presenting in two sessions (June 5, and June 6) at the invitation of the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) for their annual conference. NDRN provides hotel reimbursement for all invited speakers, including Ms. Keyes.

**Date Received:** June 4-6, 2023 (two nights)

**Name of Donor:** National Disability Rights Network, 820 First St., NE, Suite 740, Washington, DC 20002.

**Nature of the Relationship with the Agency:** NDRN is a nationally recognized group and the federally designated technical assistance provider for the protection and advocacy (P&A) network. Indiana Disability Rights is the designated P&A for the state of Indiana. Indiana Disability Rights has a state contract with NDRN to provide technical assistance through the payment of annual dues and as needed for heightened technical assistance.

---

Equity Through Advocacy

The Protection and Advocacy System for the State of Indiana



IDR's current state contract with NDRN (Contract ID 58284) is active through September 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$72,500.00.

**Why Acceptance is in the public interest:** It is in the public's interest for IDR's Executive Director to attend this NDRN conference as a presenter. IDR's participation in this event will not only provide Indiana with valuable information but will also raise the profile and reputation for Indiana's P&A.

Sincerely,

Keith Butler  
Senior Attorney & IDR Ethics Officer