



INDIANA COMMISSION ^{for}
HIGHER EDUCATION

To: Sean Gorman, State Ethics Director
From: Josh Garrison, Chief of Staff
Date: February 19, 2024
Subject: Gift Rule Waiver –Chris Lowery

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Name of Recipient: Chris Lowery

Title of Recipient: Commissioner for Higher Education

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted or Received and approximate value of item:
Reimbursement for travel expenses to SHEEO/Strada meeting in Washington, D.C.

Date of Receipt: 3/20/24

Name of Donor: SHEEO/Strada

Donor's Address: 1233 20th Street NW, Ste. 360, Washington, D.C. 20036

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: The State Higher Education Officers Association (SHEEO) equips state higher education executive officers and their staffs with the tools to effectively advance the value of higher education; promoting public policies and academic practices that enable Americans to achieve success in the 21st century; and serving as an advocate for state higher education leadership. The Commission for Higher Education is a dues paying member. Per the advice of the Inspector General's Office, the Commission paying annual dues to SHEEO qualifies as a business relationship.

State why acceptance is in the public interest: State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) and Strada are national leaders in the space of education and Indiana has the unique opportunity to participate in a small focus group discussion to explore education solutions and partnerships to improve education not only in our state, but nationally.

Joshua Garrison
(Name of approving appointing authority or Ethics Officer)