



GIFT WAIVER FOR JOEL THACKER

IN STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Name of Agency: Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)

Name of Recipient: Joel Thacker

Title of Recipient: Executive Director

Description of the Gift: Executive Director Thacker has been invited to attend the Hendricks Regional Health Foundation's (Foundation) Legacy of Giving Gala October 29, 2022. The Foundation has offered two free tickets to the event, with a total value of \$1000.00, to Executive Director Thacker.

Date of Receipt: October 29, 2022

Name of Donor: Hendricks Regional Health Foundation

Donor's Address: 1000 East Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

Nature of Business

Relationship with Agency: While there is no business relationship between IDHS and the Foundation, the Foundation could seek to influence an action by Executive Director Thacker, especially as it relates to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) initiatives.

Public Interest:

Accepting this gift is in the public's interest because, during this gala, Executive Director Thacker will network, and build relationships and communication with stakeholders regarding the Governor's Public Health Commission report. Specifically, he can discuss how IDHS and stakeholders can enhance emergency services and supplies capacity by coordinating public health emergency training exercises to practice efficient dissemination of countermeasures, personal protective equipment, or other resources. Further, he can discuss ideas on how to ensure local level EMS readiness through expansion and sustainability of the EMS workforce through long-term promotional and retention plans. The overall impact of Executive Director Thacker's attendance would be an improvement in IDHS's coordination with stakeholders throughout Indiana, thereby improving public safety.

Kristi Shute, Ethics Officer

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