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Jen Cooper, State Ethics Director

From:

Alecia Nafziger, Associate Commissioner and CFO

Date:

May 28, 2019

Subject:

Gift Rule Waiver - Ross Miller

Name of Recipient: Ross Miller

**Title of Recipient:** Director of State Authorization and Reciprocity

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted or Received and approximate value of item: Reimbursement for travel expenses (mileage, parking, and meals not included) to MSARA SPE **Annual Meeting** 

Date of Receipt: 07/08/19

Name of Donor: Midwestern Higher Education Compact

Donor's Address: 105 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 450; Minneapolis, MN 55401

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: Indiana is a member of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, a non-profit organization, legislatively created, whose purpose is to provide greater higher education opportunities and services in the Midwestern region. As a member of MHEC, Indiana pays dues to the organization, and Ross Miller currently serves as the State Portal Entity for M-SARA (Midwestern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement), a division of MHEC.

State why acceptance is in the public interest: MHEC allows the State of Indiana to engage with other member states and regional compacts in higher education research and policy analysis. MHEC saves the State of Indiana money thorough its contract negotiations and facilitates groups from across the member states to advance initiatives such as the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement and Midwest Student Exchange Program. MHEC also facilitates committees in the areas of technology, military credit, open educational resources, and environmental sustainability.

Alecia

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