

GIFT RULE WAIVER

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Name of Agency: Indiana Economic Development Corporation

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Name of Recipient: Salena Scardina

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Brief Description: Indianapolis Business Journal's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Women of Influence event, which recognized twenty-three women across Indiana "who have risen to the highest levels of business, the arts, and community and public service." The IBJ further provides, "[W]e are thrilled to honor them as part of our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Women of Influence class, not only because of the great work they are doing for their companies and organizations, but also because of the impact they are having on the community and on other women as mentors and trailblazers." These women are being recognized for their remarkable impact over the course of their distinguished careers. All 23 women received the same recognition, breakfast, award plaque, gift certificate to Moyer Fine Jewelers (\$500), and glass vase.

Date of Receipt: October 19, 2023

Name of Donor: Indianapolis Business Journal, with the presenting sponsor being Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLC, and the underwriting sponsors being Business Furniture and Co., Cummins Inc., KeyBank, Markey's, and Moyer Fine Jewelers.

Donor's Address: Indianapolis Business Journal, One Monument Circle, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: The IEDC has purchased advertising in the IBJ and has been a sponsor of events that have also involved the IBJ. The IEDC has no known current business relationship with Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLC, Business Furniture and Co., Cummins Inc., KeyBank, Markey's, or Moyer Fine Jewelers.

State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest: The public recognition of remarkable, distinguished women leaders in state government, for their professional excellence over the course of their careers, serves as an inspiration to other women of our State, while also reinforcing and generating confidence among the citizens of Indiana in the conduct and performance of state government in general. Further, we do not believe acceptance of this award presents a real or material conflict, especially since the exact same award was also given to 22 other remarkable women leaders as well, thus evidencing that there is no inappropriate or unethical effort by the Indianapolis Business Journal or the presenting or underwriting sponsors to improperly or unethically influence Salena Scardina or this office. Lastly, this gift waiver is being filed out of an abundance of caution and for transparency purposes.

Signed:   
Phillip J. Fowler, Ethics Officer

11-13-2023  
Date