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ETHICS COMMISSION

To: Sean Gorman, State Ethics Director
From: Josh Garrison, Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief of Staff
Date: May 6, 2024
Subject: Gift Rule Waiver – Kate Marling

Name of Recipient: Kate Marling

Title of Recipient: Postsecondary Transitions Manager

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted or Received and approximate value of item:
Reimbursement for travel expenses (mileage, meals not included) to the Midwest FAFSA Summit in Chicago, IL

Date of Receipt: June 11-13th, 2024

Name of Donor: Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)

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.

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 through 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. As one of the few states that have legislatively requires FAFSA and have see an increase in FAFSA submission and completion compared to last year we have been asked to present on our FAFSA strategy.

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