



INDIANA COMMISSION ^{for}
HIGHER EDUCATION

To: Sean Gorman, State Ethics Director
From: Josh Garrison, Associate Commissioner
Date: July 7, 2023
Subject: Gift Rule Waiver – Chris Lowery

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Name of Recipient: Chris Lowery

Title of Recipient: Commissioner

Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted or Received and approximate value of item:

Reimbursement for travel expenses (meals, mileage, ground transportation, hotel) to the SHEEO/Strada Higher Education Focus Group – Meeting 2

Date of Receipt: 08/07/2023

Name of Donor: Strada Education Foundation (Strada)

Donor's Address: 10 W. Market St, Suite 1100, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: Strada supports programs, policies, and organizations that strengthen connections between education and employment in the U.S., with a special focus on helping those who have faced the greatest challenges securing opportunity through postsecondary education or training. Strada provides funding to help the Commission's work around credit for prior learning on our Adult Strategy team.

State why acceptance is in the public interest: This event takes place the day before the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association's annual policy conference which the Commissioner will be attending. Commissioner Lowery heading out a day early will allow him to connect with his national peers in smaller group and one-on-one sessions. This will provide significant insight into issues like college affordability and benchmarking attainment goals. Strada will be covering the costs which the Commission would already be paying saving tax payer funds.

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