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Name of Agency or Office: Indiana State Board of Education ("Board")

Name of Recipient: BJ Watts

Title of Recipient: Board Member

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

Mr. Watts was offered a scholarship to attend the recent Foundation for Excellence in Education ("ExcelinEd") National Summit on Education Reform conference, in Washington, D.C. The scholarship will reimburse Mr. Watts for his flight, ground travel, hotel, and registration fee to attend the December 5-7, 2018, ExcelinEd conference. The approximate value of the scholarship is \$1000.

Date of Receipt: Reimbursement pending at the time of filing this form.

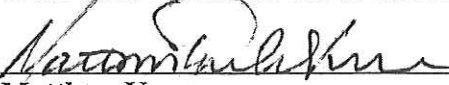
Name of Donor: Foundation for Excellence in Education.

Donor's Address: P.O. Box 10691
Tallahassee, FL 32302

Nature of Business Relationship with Agency: In 2018, the Board invited ExcelinEd to present at a board meeting and discuss national trends and best practices utilized by other states in developing state accountability systems. At that meeting, Patricia Levesque, CEO of ExcelinEd provided public testimony, research, and recommendations to the Board in regard to the State's A-F Accountability system for measuring school performance, which the Board is currently in the process of reviewing and revising.

State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest: ExcelinEd, a nonprofit organization, organizes an annual National Summit on Education Reform. Considered as the nation's premier gathering of education reformers, the conference provides state and local policymakers, education leaders and advocates with comprehensive information on evolving laws, new trends, successful policies and the latest innovations that are transforming education for the 21st century. By learning what is working—and not working—in other states and school districts, attendees leave the National Summit armed with the knowledge and networks to advance bold education reform in their states. This conference annually serves as a catalyst for energizing and accelerating the reform movement across the nation.

As a member of the Board, it is in the public's interest that Mr. Watts attend this event to represent Indiana and to bring back valuable information from the resources mentioned above, as well as all of the other topics that will be discussed during the conference.



Matthew Voors



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