



State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE

CHARITABLE SOLICITATION LICENSING DIVISION

September 26, 2018

Dr. Deanna Townsend-Smith, Director of Board Operations and Policy
State Board of Education Department of Public Instruction
6302 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6302

Dear Dr. Deanna Townsend-Smith:

The Charitable Solicitation Licensing Division (CSL) of the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State has determined that you meet the qualifications for exemption from the provisions of the Charitable Solicitation Act, N. C. Gen Stat. § 131F-1 et seq. Exemption means that you do not need a license to solicit contributions in North Carolina nor are you required to comply with other provisions of the Act, such as filing financial information.

CSL has reached its conclusions based upon the definitions section of the Act, N. C. Gen. Stat. § 131F-2, and applicable sections of the North Carolina Administrative Code, specifically 18 NCAC 11.0104, which defines relevant terms. Any exemption that refers to "person" uses the term as it is defined in the Act as "any individual, organization, trust, foundation, association, group, entity, partnership, corporation, society, or any combination of these acting as a unit."

This letter is your formal notice that exemption is granted to you on the following basis:

- N. C. Gen. Stat. § 131F-3(4): As a qualified educational institution or foundation or department with an established identity with such an institution.

Please be advised that this exemption, however, does not insulate you from criminal prosecution related to charitable solicitations in North Carolina. Changes in circumstances may affect qualifications for exemption. The Department of the Secretary of State, through CSL, may review and may modify or cancel any exemption designation at any time upon receipt or discovery of relevant new or changed information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail L. Eluwa".

Gail L. Eluwa, Director
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