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CHARITABLE SOLICITATION LICENSING

Dr. Chameeka N. Smith, Executive Director  
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Dear Dr. Chameeka N. Smith:

The Charitable Solicitation Licensing Division (CSL) has determined that you meet the qualifications for an Exemption from the provisions of the Charitable Solicitation Act. Exemption states that a license is not required to solicit contributions in North Carolina.

The Exemption is granted to you on the following basis: As a "person" that receives under \$25,000 in contributions in any calendar year AND that does not provide compensation to any officer (including executive director), trustee, organizer, incorporator, fund-raiser, or solicitor.

The Exemption must be renewed annually based on receipts in a calendar year and whether compensation is paid to enumerated individuals. Failure to submit renewal request in a timely manner may result in penalties under the Charitable Solicitation Act, and/or the Exemption not being renewed. YOUR EXEMPTION EXPIRES ON May 15, 2026.

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. CSL may modify or cancel any Exemption upon receipt of new or changed information.

Sincerely,

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