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Ms. Tremain:

We write to inquire about the Indiana Donor Network's ("IDN") use of private jet planes for non-mission charter flights. Last fall, the Committee on Ways and Means (the "Committee") became aware of concerning reports that the IDN had repeatedly used the jet planes of its subsidiary company, TxJet, for non-mission charter flights for IDN's executives, staff, and some of the organization's financial donors.¹ Given the nature of your Organ Procurement Organization's ("OPO") status as a tax-exempt organization that receives reimbursements through Medicare, the Committee is seeking to better understand the extent to which IDN has used these jet planes for non-mission charter flights.

As you are aware, the Committee issued a Request for Information ("RFI") on April 16, 2025, to elicit public information as it relates to OPOs and their ability to receive Medicare reimbursement for organ acquisition and transplant costs, the use of OPOs' resources, and executive compensation.² The RFI highlighted your organization's use of TxJet's jet planes for non-mission charter flights as an example of a clear misallocation of resources.³ While mindful that private jets play a crucial role in ensuring that organs are transported quickly and safely, the Committee is concerned that reports about IDN's personal use of the jets runs counter to IDN's charitable purpose and may create tax liability for the organization. The Committee wants to confirm that these flights were not incorrectly submitted on your Medicare Cost Report and reimbursed with taxpayer dollars. Furthermore, the Committee wants to ensure that your organization does not have a proclivity for using IDN's financial resources outside of the organization's charitable purpose or to enrich board members or senior leadership.

We commend the work of your organization, and many others like yours, who provide such a vital service to our communities. However, the troubling allegations surrounding your

¹ Joseph Walker, *Transplant Charity Used Organ-Transport Jet for Personal Trips*, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, (Nov. 7, 2024), <https://www.wsj.com/business/organ-transplant-corruption-private-flights-4d27b9ca>.

² Letter from Jason Smith et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on Financial Serv., Request for Information: Activities of Tax-Exempt Organ Procurement Organizations (April 16, 2025).

³ *Supra*, note 1.

organization requires further review. The Committee wants to ensure that the finite resources of OPOs are focused on serving the designated service area to the fullest extent possible. The concerning use of OPO resources directed toward personal use takes the organization's time and assets away from your tax-exempt purpose – to procure organs and save lives. To help the Committee better understand IDN's use of TxJet's jet planes, please provide the documents requested and answers to the following questions by August 6, 2025.

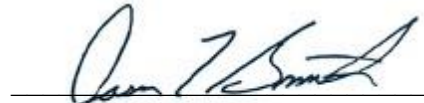
1. Who are the individual employees at Indiana Donor Network who have the authority to charter flights on behalf of the organization? Provide list of names and titles at the organization.
2. Please explain how non-charter flights are paid for by Indiana Donor Network, and whether any non-mission charter flights were billed to Medicare through your Medicare Cost Reports, from January 1, 2020 – April 16, 2025.
3. Please provide flight logs for every flight chartered by Indiana Donor Network, whether through TxJet or any other company, from January 1, 2020 – April 16, 2025.
4. Please provide all documents and communications that relate to non-mission charter flights chartered by the Indiana Donor Network, whether through TxJet or any other company, from January 1, 2020 – April 16, 2025.
5. Has the Indiana Donor Network paid any federal excise tax related to non-mission charter flights or charter flights that carried passengers for personal travel? Please provide a narrative answer.
6. Describe all personal financial interests or business relationships you and/or other board members, executives, or senior management at Indiana Donor Network, or any related entity (such as foundations, institutes, and other non-profit organizations) had from 2015 to the present, with any for-profit or non-profit organization that conducts business with or maintains, or has maintained, service contracts with Indiana Donor Network or other OPTN member.
7. For each personal financial interest and business relationship described in question 6, please provide all records. "Records" include all written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (e-mails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether they resulted in final documents).

Thank you in advance for your time and responses. If you have any questions, please contact Ways and Means Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-3625.

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Pursuant to Rule X, clause 1(t) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over matters related to tax-exempt organizations and the Medicare reimbursement system.⁴ Oversight authority of this jurisdiction is delegated to the Committee under Rule X clause 2.⁵

Sincerely,



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Committee on Ways and Means

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Chairman
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Committee on Ways and Means

⁴ Rule X, clause 1(t), Rules of the House of Representatives, (119th Cong.).

⁵ Rule X, clause 2, Rules of the House of Representatives, (119th Cong.).