

January 26, 2018

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Re: January 16, 2018 Green Letter to John Vellardita

Dear Paul Green:

I am in receipt of your January 16, 2018 letter regarding the NEA Members Insurance Trust (MIT) response to my January 8, 2018 letter. In your letter you state the MIT is required to ‘end participation of those individuals who are no longer eligible.’ Your letter defines eligibility as “only members in good standing of the NEA or of a state affiliate are eligible for benefits from the MIT”. You point out that MIT cannot determine a member’s ‘status’. You further state that “we have been advised by the NEA that the members of CCEA are no longer members in good standing of NEA or the NSEA because of CCEA’s failure to remit its members’ dues to the NEA and the NSEA”.

For point of record, you acknowledge that the same NEA had misinformed MIT that CCEA had disaffiliated from NEA and NSEA and that was an error. Nonetheless, disaffiliation, per the December 20, 2017 letter to CCEA members was the grounds for terminating membership benefits. I think you can appreciate the concern this raises for us now since you are citing the same source (NEA) as grounds for ending eligibility for MIT benefits but now for a different reason.

From our perspective, it is clear that MIT has targeted a specific class of people that CCEA represents. That class stands to be adversely impacted by MIT’s actions. Accordingly, your letter raises a number of questions that I would like a responses from you.

1. For the class of CCEA members who have insurance policies in place through the MIT benefit plan, is the position of MIT that those insurance policies have been terminated. If so, when was the effective date of termination and how those individuals were notified of their insurance policies being terminated?
2. For the class of CCEA members who have insurance policies in place through the MIT benefit plan where they *are currently paying premiums* to, is the position of MIT that those insurance policies have been terminated? If so, when was the effective date of termination and how those individuals were notified of their insurance policies being terminated?
3. If MIT has terminated benefits for that class of CCEA members that it has targeted where current insurance policies have been or could be adversely affected, please provide the name of the insurance carrier(s) and the terms of the policy that allows MIT to terminate said policy.

I would appreciate a timely answer to our questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vellardita". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Vellardita, CCEA Executive Director

cc: CCEA Board of Directors