

Service Employees International Union, Local 503, OPEU

July 26, 2017

Elizabeth Stuckart

RE:

In-Lieu-of-Dues

Dear Ms. Stuckart:

SEIU Local 503, Oregon Public Employees Union, is in receipt of your second letter dated June 29, 2017 requesting non-association.

The Oregon law (ORS 243.666) which establishes the option of non-association and upon which our contract language is based, provides that this right of non-association is based on a "bona fide religious tenet or teaching." Alternatively, case law allows a notarized statement that explains how your sincerely held religious beliefs are related to your objection to pay dues to a labor organization. Your notarized letter does not provide us with this information.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify two of the positions you attribute to SEIU Local 503:

- The SEIU The SEIU Local 503 Board of Directors has taken a neutral position on 1. abortion. We do, however, partner with a number of organizations, including Planned Parenthood, on moving the growth of the middle class forward.
- 2. CAPE, the Union's political action committee, attempts to help elect pro-worker, propublic service candidates at the state and local government levels. CAPE has endorsed candidates in all political parties that have ideals in line with supporting working people in Oregon.

You have included the name and address of your chosen charity and the method you would prefer to contribute your donation to the approved charity.

When we have received the required information, we will process your request. If you have further questions, please feel free to call me at 581-1505 x137 or toll-free at 1-800-452-2146.

Sincerely,

Mollie May Paralegal

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