



State of North Carolina Office of the State Controller

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STATE CONTROLLER

January 21, 2016

Carrie Bumgardner
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Dear Ms. Bumgardner:

In 2014, the General Assembly modified G.S. 143B-426A.40A(g) to require the State Auditor to verify and certify the membership rolls of employee associations to ensure continued eligibility for the payroll deduction program. To comply with this legislation, [House Bill 1133 – Section 62.(b) (Technical Corrections Bill)], the State Auditor last month released the “Employee Associations – Report of Membership Count” for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The State Auditor’s report states in pertinent part that *“We were unable to obtain the total membership count and type of membership count from the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE).”* Prior to taking action, I am asking you to provide me or the State Auditor evidence of your membership count and type of membership count to ensure that the NCAE is eligible for the payroll deduction program as outlined by this legislation.

Given that the information in the State Auditor’s report was incomplete, I am writing to inquire if you have information regarding your membership counts. If so, please provide this information to me (at the address below or via email at linda.combs@osc.nc.gov) or to the State Auditor (20601 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-0600, or via email at Beth_Wood@ncauditor.net, and phone 919.807.7526) by February 1, 2016.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Combs

cc: State Auditor Beth Wood