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## Determination as to Work Space Application

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Sun, Jan 12, 2020 at 7:29 PM

To: "Smithson, Charlie [LEGIS]" &lt;Charlie.Smithson@legis.iowa.gov&gt;

Secretary Smithson,

Whether you call it a credentialing policy or a "work space" policy, government bodies must apply any media restrictions uniformly to similarly situated reporters.

I am in compliance with all provisions of the Senate work space policy.

Bleeding Heartland's principal business is the regular dissemination of original news to a broad segment of the public. As the sole member of Bleeding Heartland LLC, which is duly incorporated under Iowa law, I am entitled to any and all distributions and profits from the website, including reader contributions. Consequently, I meet the remuneration criteria of paid correspondents.

Bleeding Heartland is editorially independent of all organizations and groups lobbying state government.

On what grounds did you determine that I do not meet the criteria to be a "member of the media"?

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Fri, Jan 10, 2020 at 8:04 PM

Subject: Re: Determination as to Work Space Application

To: Smithson, Charlie [LEGIS] <Charlie.Smithson@legis.iowa.gov>

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On Fri, Jan 10, 2020 at 6:29 PM Smithson, Charlie [LEGIS] <Charlie.Smithson@legis.iowa.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Belin:

Your application for Registered Press Senate Reserved Work Space has been received. As stated on the application form, the Iowa Senate is no longer "credentialing" media as the Iowa Capitol Building is a public building open to members of the general public. The public may observe floor debate in the Senate in the Senate galleries or via the Internet. Applicants will only be granted Senate Reserved Work Space if they meet the criteria set out in the Senate Reserved Work Space Policy. Your application has been reviewed and it has been determined that you do not meet the criteria to be a "member of the media" under the Senate Reserved Work Space Policy. As such, you will not have a work space reserved in the Senate Chamber.