

I attempted to log on to the SEC meeting yesterday to use the Public Comment period to comment on the proposed Verifier Certification (not Decertification) process. The Zoom link didn't allow it. I also discovered that my live texting to Casey was to a landline.

There were factual inaccuracies made in response to questions from Steve Bois. Yes, there are state employees who are Verifiers and, no, Verifiers are not all paid to do the work.

While the proposed training was purported to be "free," it is actually quite expensive to take annual leave and travel on personal per diem for a 3 1/2 day training to Reno. This will become increasingly expensive as your most field experienced state employees (dating back to the Pilot Project) retire and have to weigh keeping their certifications versus paying the expenses of it out of their retirement income. We have had to do this as state employees, too, because of the lack of program support for our CCS commitments. And it's not just the trainings, it's also the cost to volunteer on at least one project per year. In my case, I am traveling from Las Vegas for all of this.

I wish to be on record as opposing the proposed certification process due to its time commitment and monetary costs.

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