

Jan. 22, 2018

Dear Management Team Dance of the Deer Foundation,

We are in receipt of your letter of January 19, 2018, in response to our letter, and it does not appear to allay our concerns.

We respect the rights of others to share and seek spiritual training and enlightenment, but as we conveyed in our message to you, our concern is that your sole proprietorship entity is charging to teach spiritual cultural beliefs and practices of the Wixarika (Huichol), which is contrary to their practices and to the practices of most all Native American tribes with which I am familiar. We have learned through contacts with at least one other tribe in this country that you have been advised that you are never to charge for spiritual teachings or practices. Just this morning, one of our tribal elders called and affirmed our position conveyed to you in our letter and confirmed that we are open to the sharing of our belief systems, but not for commercial gain.

We would respectfully request that you end this commercial exploitation.

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