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TO: State and Local Music Teacher Association Affiliates
FROM: MTNA General Counsel
DATE: June 9, 2014
RE: Antitrust Compliance Guide

One of the primary requirements that the Music Teachers National Association (“MTNA”) agreed to in its Consent Decree with the Federal Trade Commission is to design, maintain and operate an antitrust compliance program. As part of that obligation, MTNA has prepared the enclosed Antitrust Compliance Guide. MTNA agreed in the Consent Decree to provide the Guide to its Affiliates so they can use the Guide at their annual meetings for the next five years.

The Antitrust Compliance Guide explains in Schedule A the obligations of MTNA under the FTC Consent Decree. It also lays out how the antitrust laws impact music teacher associations concerning the discussion of business issues, the treatment of membership applications, benefits and expulsions, and the use of codes of ethics, price surveys, certification programs, and competitions and festivals. Hopefully, you will find the Guide to be helpful whenever you are confronted with an antitrust issue or concern. In addition, you always have the opportunity to consult Gary Ingle or Scott Gilligan if your antitrust concerns are not fully addressed in the Antitrust Compliance Guide.

The purpose of the Antitrust Compliance Guide is not only to provide guidance to state and local Affiliates on their obligations under the antitrust laws, but also to serve as a training tool that should be used during the Affiliates’ annual meetings over the next five years. We have included in the Antitrust Compliance Guide various lists of actions that music teachers associations may take and may not take under the antitrust laws. Please review these lists with your membership so that all of the Affiliates remain in compliance under federal and state antitrust laws.

Please let Gary Ingle or myself know if you have any questions.

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