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Gary D. Osborne  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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Gary,

We received your letter dated August 26<sup>th</sup> to Cheryl Contratto regarding your Chamber membership and your request for the union to not pay the \$245 annual dues but still retain member status.

It would be against Chamber by-laws and policy to consider any organization or business a member without dues being paid. The vast majority of the Chamber's annual revenues come from member dues, and it would be unfair to the other 850+ members to allow an organization not paying dues to be included in member benefits.

We hope you find Chamber membership valuable enough to pay your dues investment of \$245. Please feel free to call me at 926-1860 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Wassmer".

Jody Wassmer  
Executive Vice President

c: Gary Smith, 2005 Chamber of Commerce board chairman  
Cheryl Contratto, membership manager