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Springfield, MA – The New North Citizens Council, Inc. (NNCC), through its Executive Director, Maria Ligus, issues this corrective press release in response to a prior press release dated July 26, 2025, which appeared to be disseminated by NNCC.

The July 26th release was issued without the knowledge or approval of NNCC executive leadership and without formal authorization from the NNCC Board. It contained certain inaccuracies.

As stated by Ms. Ligus, "I was directly involved in the decision to terminate the employment of Ms. Maria Perez, a former employee of the organization. Such termination was unrelated to any allegations or findings related to the use of federal funds."

While it is not the practice of NNCC to issue press releases or public statements on personnel matters, and the organization does not intend to make further comment on this matter, NNCC has determined it important to address and correct the prior communication attributed to the organization.

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