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**Policy for Relating to Unlicensed or Unauthorized Use
Of TimeBanks™ And Co-Production™**

TimeBanks™ and Co-Production™ represent and embody an asset-based approach to social welfare built on the ideas and work of Edgar S. Cahn, who in 1980 created TimeBanking™ and in 1993 developed the Co-Production framework. In 1995, Edgar Cahn created the Time Dollar Network and Time Dollar Institute and is now Chairman of the Board of TimeBanks USA.

In 2000, Edgar Cahn wrote and published NO MORE THROW-AWAY PEOPLE, THE CO-PRODUCTION IMPERATIVE distilling insights gleaned from more than a decade of work with colleagues and organizations using Time Dollars™ and TimeBanking to advance social justice. Since then, work to develop and refine the network's collective knowledge around TimeBanking and Co-Production has continued in the fields of training, systems change, fundraising, evaluation, and more. TimeBanking and Co-Production represent a multi-year investment of time, experience, expertise and hard work by Edgar Cahn, Institute staff, and all those who have been extensively involved in TimeBanking. Trademarks have been granted in recognition of the unique intellectual property that has been created.

In this policy statement, we wish to make clear the purpose of the trademarking of Time Dollars™, TimeBanking™ and Co-Production™. These are more than trademarked brand names. They embody Core Values of central importance to the TimeBanking movement and to the many organizations that have built trust and enhanced lives based on the integrity of those who have labored to utilize these constructs to rebuild family, neighborhood, community and to restore and revitalize the Core Economy. To ensure the integrity of this work, and to remain true to the trust placed in TimeBanking and Co-Production as sets of concepts and tools intended to help secure social justice for fragile communities, TimeBanks USA has developed extensive training.

The organization's policy requires all persons seeking to hold themselves out as consultants, speakers, trainers or having specialized expertise in TimeBanking or Co-Production to be approved and/or licensed by TimeBanks USA. That entails compliance with all policies of the Institute that relate to the approval and/or training and licensing process and to securing such authorization. The policies are subject to change by the Institute.

Failure to fulfill those requirements or to comply with the authorizing and licensing policies represents a direct threat to the good name, reputation, property rights and trademark protection associated with TimeBanks™ and Co-Production™. Failure to cease and desist from such conduct after notification of this policy is actionable. TimeBanks USA will initiate cease and desist proceedings coupled with an action for damages to protect the integrity of TimeBanking and Co-Production and to ward off any threat to that integrity posed by unlicensed or unauthorized use.

Edgar S. Cahn
Founder and Chairman of the Board