

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the People to Re-elect Senator Steve Murphy (#12667);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Senator Steve Murphy (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2006, the People to Re-elect Senator Steve Murphy Committee ("the Committee") accepted \$12,050 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the committee accepted \$2,900, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$9,150. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$50 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state senate candidate was \$12,000. The amount of \$50 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
  
2. As part of the \$2,900 received from lobbyists, the committee accepted a contribution from a lobbyist who did not provide their registration number with the contribution. In a letter dated April 17, 2007, Senator Steve Murphy states, "The donation by [a lobbyist] did not contain a registration number and was added to the individual donation list."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on March 17, 1992.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2006.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$50 to one or more of the contributors described in paragraph 1. Copies of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Board imposes no civil penalty on the Committee because there was no registration number to identify a special source donation from a lobbyist. The amount of the contribution put the Committee over the aggregate special source limit.

7. It is agreed by the parties that providing the copies specified in paragraph 5, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

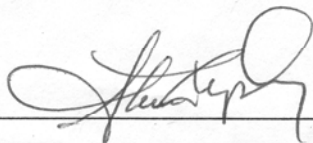
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the copies of the check(s) and letter(s) are not provided within the time specified in paragraph 5 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$50 which is one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if the copies specified in paragraph 5 are not received within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$100 which is two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(c) \$150 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

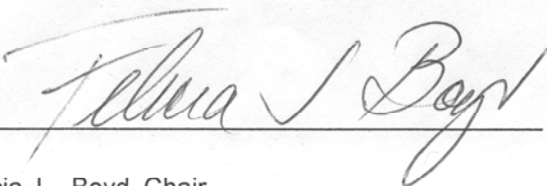
9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.02, subdivision 11 and 10A.28, subdivision 3.



Dated: 10-15-07

Senator Steve Murphy

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Dated: 10.22.07

Felicia J. Boyd, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board