

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund (#30163):

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and the Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2011 the contribution limit from a political fund to the principal campaign committee of a state senate candidate was \$100 as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(3). In 2011 the Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund (the Fund) made two contributions that cumulatively total \$200 to the (Charles) Wiger for Senate Volunteer Committee. The cumulative contributions exceeded by \$100 the applicable limit. The amount of the excess contributions was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
  
2. In a letter dated February 23, 2012, Holly Bachman, accountant for Faegre Baker Daniels, states, "Our records confirm that through an oversight, two \$100 contributions were in fact made to Charles Wiger for Senate Volunteer Committee in 2011, in violation of the applicable \$100

contribution limit. We have contacted Mr. Wiger and he has already returned the excess contribution of \$100.”

3. Board records show that this is the first violation for the Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(c), which prohibits a political fund from making an excess contribution to a principal campaign committee. The Fund registered with the Board on October 6, 1980.

4. The parties agree that the Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund made cumulatively-excessive contributions in the amount of \$200 to the aforementioned principal campaign committee in calendar year 2011, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(c).

5. The Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$100, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

6. Laura Schrader, treasurer, hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$100 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within thirty days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that the payment of the civil penalty of \$100 and this conciliation agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$100 within the time specified in paragraph 6 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

8. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement is confidential until signed by the Fund's treasurer and the Board Chair. Once signed, the agreement shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.

Laura Schrader Dated: 4-9-12

Laura Schrader, treasurer  
Faegre Baker Daniels State-Registered Political Fund

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Greg McCullough Dated: April 3, 2012

Greg McCullough, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board