

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the MN United PAC (#41105);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and the MN United PAC (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) hereby agree as follows:

1. MN United PAC is a political committee registered with the Board. The 2013-2014 non-election segment contribution limit from a political committee to a state senate candidate is \$1,000, as provided in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). On its 2013 year-end report, the Committee reported making a \$2,000 contribution to the Branden (Petersen) for Senate Committee, the principal campaign committee of Senator Branden Petersen. The contribution exceeded the applicable limit by \$1,000. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 90 days and, thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
  
2. The Committee stated in a letter dated May 20, 2014, "We mistakenly thought the limit was different for candidates for the house and senate, so we made a \$2,000 contribution to the Branden Petersen for Senate Committee."

3. Board records show that this is the first year or segment in which the Committee has reported the making of contributions that exceed the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on May 1, 2013.

4. The parties agree that the Committee made a facially excessive contribution to a senate candidate in the 2013-2014 non-election segment of the election cycle, resulting in a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A. 28, subdivision 2(1), which applies the contribution limits of section 10A.27, subdivision 1, to political committees.

5. The Committee stated in its May 20, 2014, letter that “[u]pon first contact from the [Board, it] contacted Senator Petersen and asked for the excess amount to be returned . . .” As of the date of the letter, the Committee had not received a return of the excess contribution.

6. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$2,000, two times the amount by which the contribution facially exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$2,000 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$2,000 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 failure to pay the civil penalty of \$2,000 within the time specified in paragraph 7, 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.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement is confidential until signed by the Committee'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.

/s/ Jack Thompson Dated: 6 August 2014

Jack Thompson, Treasurer  
MN United PAC

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By /s/ Deanna Wiener Dated: July 8, 2014

Deanna Wiener, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board