

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

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Vote Duckworth (Zach) committee (18509);

1. Vote Duckworth (Zach) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Zach Duckworth. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, is \$7,300 for candidates for state senate during the 2023-2024 election cycle segment. The committee's 2023 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed a combined total of \$7,450 in special source contributions. The \$150 in excess special source contributions was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The committee's treasurer, Daniel Wolter, explained that the committee had a change in treasurer in the middle of 2023 and as a result of the change email notifications about online contributions were not generated or were not brought to his attention in a timely manner. When completing the 2023 year-end report, Mr. Wolter discovered that the committee exceeded the aggregate special source limit by \$150.
3. The committee issued a partial refund of a donation made by a lobbyist on December 31, 2023, but was unable to return the excess funds within 90 days. Mr. Wolter provided evidence that the refund check was deposited by the lobbyist.
4. The parties agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excess contributions from special source contributors in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2023-2024 election cycle segment. The committee registered with the Board in 2020 and this is the committee's first violation of the aggregate special source limit.
5. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that it will continue to use the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application, ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews the amount of each contribution and enters contributions within 60 days of receipt, run appropriate batch compliance reports, and review and correct all compliance warnings.
6. The committee agrees that it will not accept any contributions from special sources in 2024.
7. The committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$100 for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation of the aggregate special source limit. A civil penalty of \$100 is generally the minimum civil penalty imposed by the Board for exceeding a contribution limit by more than \$100.

8. If the committee does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Zach Duckworth  
Senator Zach Duckworth  
Vote Duckworth (Zach)

Dated: April 12, 2024

/s/ David Asp  
David Asp, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: April 10, 2024