

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Committee for Shelley Madore 2004 (#16146);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Shelly Madore hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2004, the Committee for Shelly Madore 2004 ("the Committee") accepted \$6,868.92 in contributions from special sources. These sources include political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$3,000, and individuals who contributed in excess of \$250 from which the Committee accepted \$3,868. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$1,168.92 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$5,700. The amount of the excess contributions was not returned to the contributors within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. In a letter received on March 10, 2005, Margaret Johnson, treasurer, indicated that the committee exceeded the contribution limit by \$1,168.92 and stated, "I was fully aware of the \$5,700 limit to funds that a candidate can accept from special source contributions in an election year. Believing that applied only to political action committees and lobbyists, I

tracked those donations with great care...it was my failure to examine the statutes closely that brought us to this place. It was totally unintentional.”

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee for Shelley Madore 2004 reported acceptance of contributions which exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on July 1, 2004.

4. The parties agree that the Committee for Shelley Madore accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 11, in calendar year 2004.

5. Shelley Madore hereby agrees to return to donors of the contributions, described in paragraph one, an amount sufficient to bring the committee in compliance with Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 11. Copies of the checks and the accompanying letters returning the contributions 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 a civil penalty of \$1,168.92, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limits to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. Shelley Madore hereby agrees to forward the Board \$1,168.92, by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this

Agreement is signed by the Board Chair. It is agreed by the parties that copies of the checks and the accompanying letters returning the contributions, payment of the civil penalty of \$1,168.92, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 and 4.

8. It is further understood that if the excess amount is not returned as specified in paragraph 5 above or the civil penalty of \$1,168.92 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then Shelley Madore will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28, and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

- (a) \$2,337.84 or two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;
  
- (b) \$3,506.76 or three 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) \$4,675.68 or four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 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 Shelley Madore as the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 1.11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 4/4/05  
Shelley Madore

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By   
\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 4/11/05  
Terri Ashmore, chair

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