

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Doug) Meslow Volunteer Committee (#15565);

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

1. During 2005, the (Doug) Meslow Volunteer Committee ("the Committee") accepted \$1,400 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$150, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$1,250. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$260 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$1,140. The amount of \$260 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated February 28, 2006, Representative Meslow states "I have reviewed my records and agree that in 2005, I accepted \$260.00 too much from lobbyists/political committees. My error was inadvertent rather than a deliberate attempt to circumvent the law. Nonetheless, I was wrong. I take full responsibility, and I await the Board's judgment as to an appropriate sanction."

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 February 20, 2002.

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 2005.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$260 to lobbyists, political committees or political funds that contributed to his campaign in calendar year 2005. 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 a civil penalty of \$260, 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.

7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$260 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 payment of the civil penalty of \$260, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

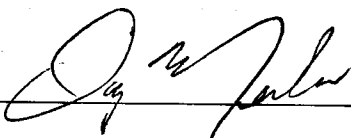
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$260 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$520 which is 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) \$780 which is 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) \$1,040 which is 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.

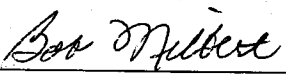
9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.02,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



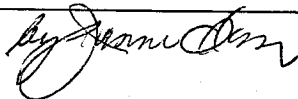
Representative Doug Meslow

Dated: 3-17-06

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Bob Milbert, chair



Dated: 29 Mar 06

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