

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Tom) Saxhaug for State Senate Committee (#15731);

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

1. During 2008, the (Tom) Saxhaug for State Senate Committee ("the Committee") accepted \$2,575 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$1,625, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$950. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$175 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state senate candidate was \$2,400. The amount of \$175 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated February 23, 2009, Sholom Blake, treasurer, states "During the course of the year we received funds from a few lobbyists that were incorrectly categorized as being received from individuals. ...I noted the errors and corrected them. The corrections resulted in the excess contribution amounts and because the campaign had held the amounts for an extended period of time we were unable to return them. ...The error was the result of an oversight on my part that should not have occurred and I will ensure that all future contributions are properly classified and accounted for going forward."

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 May 2, 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 2008.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$175 to contributors described in paragraph 1. 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 \$175, 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 \$175 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 \$175 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

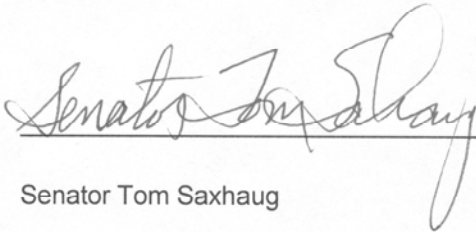
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$175 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$350 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) \$525 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) \$700, four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

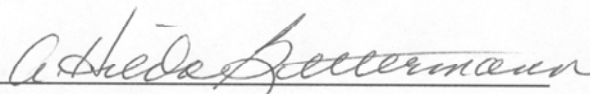
9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair. Once signed, the Agreement shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02,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



Senator Tom Saxhaug

Dated: 3-6-09

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  Dated: 4-7-09

A. Hilda Bettermann, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board