STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Lawrence) Pogemiller for Senate Volunteer Committee (#11318);

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

1. The (Lawrence) Pogemiller for Senate Volunteer Committee (“the Committee”) is the principal campaign committee of Lawrence Pogemiller for Senate District 59. During 2008, the Committee accepted $2,700 in contributions from special sources. These sources include from registered lobbyists from whom the committee accepted $700, and from political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted $2,000. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by $300 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state senate candidate was $2,400. The amount of $300 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated March 8, 2009, the Candidate stated “As reported, …my Volunteer Committee inadvertently reached the non-election year limit on contributions from political action committees and lobbyists. …three hundred was not returned within 60 days of deposit.”

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 April 9, 1982.
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 Committee has returned $300 to special source contributors. Copies of the checks and letters used to return the contributions were forwarded to the Board on April 2, 2009.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of $300, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit. A payment of $300 was submitted to the Board on March 9, 2009, in anticipation of this agreement and was deposited to the general fund of the state. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of $300, copies of the checks and letters used to return the special source contributions, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. 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 Lawrence Pogemiller

Dated: 4/14/09

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Hilda Bettmann, Chair

Dated: 4/21/09