## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

**AGREEMENT** 

In the matter of the Friends of Tom Bakk Committee (#15629);

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

- 1. The Friends of Tom Bakk Committee ("the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Tom Bakk. The 2009 non-election year contribution limit from a political fund to a state senate candidate is \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). During 2009, the Committee accepted cumulative contributions that totaled \$150 from the Minnesota State Bldg & Construction Trades Council Political Fund. The contributions exceeded the applicable contribution limit by \$50. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
- 2. In a letter dated May 24, 2010, Senator Bakk states "...we received two donations from the Minnesota State Building & Construction Trades Political Fund (30608): one for \$50 in June of 2009, and a second one for \$100 in July of 2009..."

- 3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that cumulatively exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on April 2, 2002.
- 4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively excessive contributions from a political fund resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4), in calendar year 2009.
- 5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$50 to the Minnesota State Bldg & Construction Trades Council Political Fund. A copy of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by both parties.
- 6. The Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$50, 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 \$50 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$50 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 \$50 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, the terms of this conciliation agreement will be violated and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.
- 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 Bakk

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Bob Milbert, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: August 3, 2010