

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Citizens for (Linda) Runbeck Committee (#17046);

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

1. The Citizens for (Linda) Runbeck Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Linda Runbeck. The 2011 nonelection year contribution limit from an individual to a state representative candidate was \$100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). During 2011, the Committee reported accepting a facially excessive contribution from a registered lobbyist in the amount of \$250. The contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit by \$150. 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 February 28, 2012, Representative Runbeck states, “I acknowledge acceptance of a contribution that exceeded the odd-year contribution limit; however, I did so quite by mistake, due to a...compartmentalization of thought.”

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on February 25, 2010.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted a facially excessive contribution from a lobbyist resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 1(a)(4), in calendar year 2011. The parties recognize that the contribution was excessive on its face.

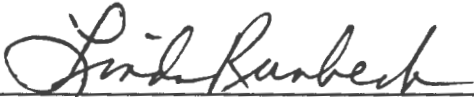
5. The Committee has returned \$150 to the individual lobbyist who made the excess contribution. A copy of the check returning the excess amount was provided to the Board.

6. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$300, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. The assessment of a penalty of two times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter involved a facially excessive contribution.

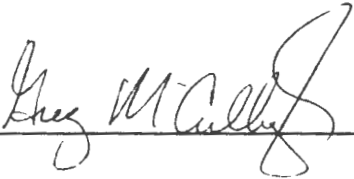
7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$300 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$300 and this conciliation agreement will be 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 failure to pay the civil penalty of \$300 within the time specified in paragraph 7 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement 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.

 Dated: 4/12/12
Representative Linda Runbeck

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  Dated: April 3, 2012
Greg McCullough, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board