

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Friends for Kirk Stensrud Committee (#17069);

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

1. The Friends for Kirk Stensrud Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Kirk Stensrud. During 2012, the Committee accepted aggregate contributions from a party unit and terminating principal campaign committees in the amount of \$5,500. This amount exceeds the \$5,000 election year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, set out in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$500. The \$500 excess was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. The Committee accepted a \$500 contribution from a terminating principal campaign committee in August 2012. In a letter dated December 10, 2012, Paul Hocker, treasurer for the Committee, states "We use Excel to keep track of our Receipts until we are ready to produce the

campaign report. ... For the matter of [the August] receipt we entered it into our spreadsheet as a PAC donation. ... We did not think at the time that this was a campaign committee..."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions in excess of the applicable party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on March 17, 2010.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted contributions from political party units and terminating principal campaign committees in calendar year 2012 that cumulatively result in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2. Because the principal campaign committee that contributed \$500 to the Committee has terminated, the Committee is directed to forward the excess amount of \$500 to the Board for deposit into the State Elections Fund as provided by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 9(b). The excess contribution must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties.

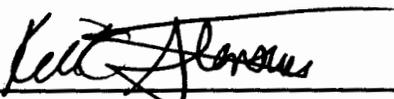
5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$500, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit.

6. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$1,000 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 the payment of the civil penalty of \$500, forwarding the

\$500 excess contribution to the Board, 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, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$500 forward the \$500 excess contribution within the time specified in paragraphs 4 and 6 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.

8. 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: 1-11-13

Representative Kirk Stensrud

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 
_____ Dated: January 8, 2013

Andrew M. Luger, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board