

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the John Pederson for Senate Committee (#16946);

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

1. The John Pederson for Senate Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator John Pederson. During 2012, the Committee accepted \$13,700 in contributions from special sources. These sources include large givers from whom the Committee accepted \$8,500, registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$1,770, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$3,430. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$100 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state senate candidate was \$13,600. The \$100 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In response to a routine reconciliation audit the Committee filed an amended Report of Receipts and Expenditures for 2012 that disclosed the excess contributions. The Committee

submitted to the Board a payment of \$100 on July 18, 2013, to be applied toward an anticipated civil penalty for accepting the excessive contributions.

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 October 20, 2009.

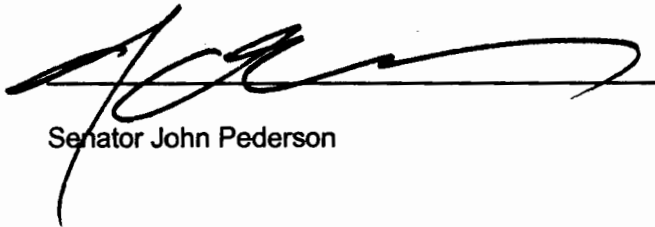
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, in calendar year 2012.

5. The Committee has returned \$100 to a special source contributor described in paragraph 1. A copy of the check used to return the excess contribution was forwarded to the Board.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$100, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit.

7. The Committee has submitted \$100 by check for deposit into the general fund of the state. It is agreed by the parties that the payment of the civil penalty of \$100 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 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: 8/9/13
Senator John Pederson

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By  Dated: August 6, 2013

Andrew M. Luger, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board