

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Isaacson (Jason) for Minnesota committee (17369);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Jason Isaacson (the Candidate) agree as follows:

1. The Isaacson for Minnesota committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Jason Isaacson. On its amended 2013 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures and its 2014 October pre-general-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Committee reported that it had accepted \$1,250 in total contributions from MAPE-PAC, a political committee registered with the Board, and \$1,300 in total contributions from Education Minn PAC, a political fund registered with the Board, during the two year period. The total amount of these contributions exceeds the applicable political committee and political fund contribution limits during the 2013-2014 election cycle, both of which are \$1,000 for a state representative candidate. The \$550 in excess contributions was not returned within 90 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. In a letter to the Board dated January 9, 2015, MAPE-PAC confirmed that it had made the excess contributions to the Committee. MAPE-PAC explained that the Committee had returned the excess \$250 and provided a copy of the check returning the excess contribution.
3. In a telephone conversation with Board staff on January 21, 2015, the Candidate also confirmed that the Committee had accepted \$300 in excess contributions from Education Minn PAC. The excess contributions have been returned to Education Minn PAC and copies of the checks returning the excess contributions have been provided to the Board.
4. Board records show that this is the first instance in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the contribution limits. The Committee registered with the Board on March 1, 2012.
5. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from a political committee and a political fund resulting in violations of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5), in the 2013-2014 election cycle.
6. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Candidate and the Committee agree that they will ensure that the Committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt and runs and reviews a Batch Compliance Report after each data entry session. Contributions reviewed and entered within this timeframe will allow the Committee to detect violations of the campaign finance laws and also provide the Committee with 30 days to return a contribution to its source before it is deemed accepted.
7. The Candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$550 against the Candidate for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5). \$137.50 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both

parties. \$412.50 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the Candidate violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5) before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the Candidate does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subd. 1(a)(5) within that timeframe, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

8. If the Candidate does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Jason Isaacson Dated: 3/21/2015
Representative Jason Isaacson

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 2/4/2015
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 2/3, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board