

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

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Friends for Ethan (Cha) committee (18874);

1. Friends for Ethan is the principal campaign committee of Representative Ethan Cha, who was a candidate for House District 47B. The aggregate special source contribution limit, which includes contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board, was \$16,100 for candidates for state representative during the 2023-2024 election cycle. The committee's amended 2023 and 2024 year-end reports of receipts and expenditures disclosed a total of \$16,391.71 in special source contributions, which exceeded the limit by \$291.71.
2. The Cha committee and the Board agree that the committee inadvertently accepted excessive contributions from special source contributors in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2023-2024 election cycle. The committee registered with the Board in 2022 and has no prior violations of the aggregate special source limit.
3. To avoid a similar violation in the future, the committee agrees that the candidate or the treasurer will review the amount of each contribution and enter it within 60 days of receipt within the Board's Campaign Finance Reporter Online application.
4. The Cha committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$100 for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. Payment is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The amount of the civil penalty was determined in part by the fact that this was a first-time violation of the aggregate special source limit.
5. The Cha committee also agrees to provide to the Board, within 60 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, copies of deposited checks or other documentation showing that at least \$291.71 has been refunded to special source contributors.

6. If the committee 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/ Ethan Cha
Representative Ethan Cha
Friends for Ethan

Dated: February 27, 2026

/s/ Farris Rashid
Faris Rashid, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: November 12, 2025