

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Committee to Elect Keith Ellison (#14902);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Keith Ellison (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2004, the Committee to Elect Keith Ellison ("the Committee") accepted \$5,850 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$50, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$5,800. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$150 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$5,700. The amount of \$150 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. A routine reconciliation audit found a discrepancy in the 2004 Report of Receipts and Expenditures of undisclosed contributions of \$450. Kim Ellison, Treasurer, amended the 2004 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures showing the two additional contributions from political committees and political funds.

3. Board records show that this is the second calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The first acceptance occurred in 2002. The Committee registered with the Board on January 22, 1998.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in a violation of Minn. Stat. §10A. 27, subd. 11, in calendar year 2004.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$150 to special source contributors that contributed to his campaign in calendar year 2004. Copies of the check(s) and the accompanying letter(s) returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$300, two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

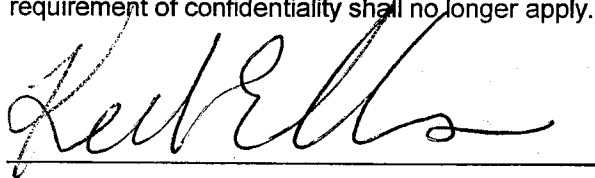
7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$300 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$300, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 & 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$300 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28 and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$450 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$600 which is four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

8. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.



Dated:

Representative Keith Ellison

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Dated:

2/24/2006

Bob Milbert, chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board