

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the (Mary) Kiffmeyer for Secretary of State Committee (#14904);

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

1. During 2006, the (Mary) Kiffmeyer for Secretary of State Committee ("the Committee") accepted \$40,400 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$1,650, political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$2,850, and from large givers the committee accepted \$35,900. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$500 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a secretary of state candidate was \$39,900. The amount of \$500 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. As a part of the \$1,650 in contributions received from registered lobbyists the Committee accepted a \$250 contribution from Scott Cottingham and a \$250 contribution from Joseph Weber. Neither lobbyist disclosed their lobbyist registration number with the contribution. In correspondence dated March 6, 2007, Robert Eddy, treasurer, stated "Per your recent letter we

have determined that...both registered lobbyists ...did not advise us of their status when they made a contribution. Those contributions have been returned..."

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 Committee registered with the Board on January 28, 1998.

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 2006.

5. The Committee has returned \$500 to lobbyists and provided copies of the checks to the Board.

6. The Board imposes no civil penalty on the Committee because there was no registration number to identify lobbyists as special source donors.

7. It is agreed by the parties that providing the copies specified in paragraph 5, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

