

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Branden (Petersen) for Senate Committee (#17375);

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

1. The Branden (Petersen) for Senate Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of the Candidate. The 2013-2014 non-election segment contribution limit from a political committee to a state senate candidate is \$1,000, as provided in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). On its 2013 year-end report, the Committee reported receiving a \$2,000 contribution from MN United PAC, a political committee registered with the Board. The contribution exceeded the applicable limit by \$1,000. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 90 days and, thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. Board records show that this is the first year or segment in which the Committee has reported the acceptance of contributions that exceed the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on March 5, 2012.

3. The parties agree that the Candidate accepted a facially excessive contribution from a political committee in the 2013-2014 non-election segment of the election cycle, resulting in a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A. 27, subdivision 1(a)(4).

4. The Candidate agrees to return \$1,000 to MN United PAC within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties. The Candidate agrees to provide the Board with a copy of the check used to return the excess amount.

5. The Candidate agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$2,000, two times the amount by which the contribution facially exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

6. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$2,000 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota within 30 days after the date this agreement is signed by both parties.

7. It is agreed by the parties that return of the excess contribution, providing the Board with a copy of the check used to return the excess contribution, payment of the civil penalty of \$2,000, 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, however, that failure to return the excess contribution and provide the Board with a copy of the check pursuant to paragraph 4, or failure to pay the civil

penalty of \$2,000 within the time specified in paragraph 6, above, is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

9. 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.

/s/ Branden Petersen Dated: 9/29/2014

Senator Branden Petersen

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By /s/ Deana Wiener Dated: July 8, 2014

Deanna Wiener, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board