

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Mark Dayton for a Better Minnesota (Registration No. 16881);

1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Mark Dayton for a Better Minnesota Committee's 2014 September pre-general-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a contribution which, as reported, constituted a violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 10A.
2. The Committee reported that on April 22, 2014, it received a contribution from Irene Quarshie in the amount of \$250. Ms. Quarshie is a lobbyist registered with the Board. April 22, 2014, was during the 2014 regular session of the Minnesota legislature, a time when the Committee was prohibited from accepting lobbyist contributions.
3. The contribution check from Ms. Quarshie did not indicate that she was a lobbyist, nor did the check contain Ms. Quarshie's lobbyist registration number, as required by Minnesota Statutes. A copy of the check was provided to the Board to verify the missing registration number. Additionally, the address on the check was different from the address Ms. Quarshie used for her lobbyist registration. As a result, the contribution was not initially identified by the Committee as a lobbyist contribution.
4. The Committee has returned the prohibited contribution and provided the Board with a copy of the letter and the check making the return.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Committee agrees that it will:
 - a. Examine its current processes used for receipt and data entry of contributions and implement measures to ensure that contributions from individuals are cross-checked against the Board's list of registered lobbyists within 60 days of their receipt and that they are properly classified on the Committee's reports.
 - b. Implement procedures to identify lobbyist contributions received during a legislative session and ensure that they are returned within the 90 days allowed by statute.

/s/ Shelli Hesselroth Dated: 1/12/2015
Shelli Hesselroth, Treasurer
Mark Dayton for a Better Minnesota

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 11/18/2014

Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of November 18, 2014

/s/ Deanna Wiener

Deanna Wiener, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board