

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Kline for Congress;

1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Minn College Republicans Political Fund's amended 2013 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a contribution that, as reported, constitutes a violation of the Minnesota Statutes.
2. The Minn College Republicans Political Fund (the Fund) reported that, on November 16, 2013, it received a contribution from Kline for Congress in the amount of \$250. The Fund is a political fund registered with the Board. Kline for Congress is an association not registered with the Board.
3. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 prohibits an unregistered association from contributing over \$200 to a political fund unless it provides a written disclosure statement as required by that section. The appropriate disclosure was not provided with the Kline for Congress contribution.
4. In an email to the Board dated February 25, 2015, Kline for Congress confirmed that the contribution had been made. The Fund has returned \$50 to Kline for Congress. A copy of the check used to return the prohibited portion of the contribution was provided to the Board on February 26, 2015. However, the prohibited portion of the contribution was not returned within the 90-day period within which a contribution may be returned to avoid a violation and is therefore deemed accepted.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, Kline for Congress agrees that it will refrain from making political contributions over \$200 to state candidates and associations registered with the board unless it provides a written disclosure statement as required by the Minnesota Statutes.
6. Kline for Congress agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$50 against Kline for Congress for making a contribution without providing the disclosure required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13. \$12.50 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. \$37.50 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If Kline for Congress violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If Kline for Congress does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

7. If Kline for Congress 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/ George Damian Dated: 3/24/2015
George Damian, Political Director
Kline for Congress

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 3/18/2015
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 3/17, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board