

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

**CONCILIATION  
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of the Minn College Republicans Political Fund (Registration No. 30664);

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 a political fund from accepting a contribution from an unregistered association that exceeds \$200 unless the contributor provides a written disclosure statement as required by that section. The appropriate disclosure was not provided with the Kline for Congress contribution.
4. In a letter to the Board dated February 25, 2015, the Fund confirmed that the contribution had been accepted. 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, the Fund agrees that it will:
  - a. Refrain from accepting any contributions of more than \$200 from associations that are not registered with the Board until January 1, 2017; and
  - b. Continue to file its reports and amendments to reports electronically.
6. The Fund agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$50 against the Fund for accepting a contribution without 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 the Fund violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil

penalty is due immediately. If the Fund does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

7. If the Fund 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.

  
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Peter Moe  
Minn College-Republicans Political Fund

Dated: 3/25/15

  
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Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 3/10/15

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

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