STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Minnesotans for Benjamin Kruse Committee (#16910);

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

1. The Minnesotans for Benjamin Kruse Committee ("the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Benjamin Kruse. The 2009 non-election year contribution limit from an individual to a state senate candidate was $100, as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). During 2009, the Committee accepted a $200 contribution from an individual. The contribution facially exceeded the applicable contribution limit by $100. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated March 9, 2010, staff notified the Candidate of the possible violation. In a subsequent phone conversation with staff, Mr. Kruse confirmed that the contribution was from one individual.

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that facially exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on June 24, 2009.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted and deposited a facially excessive contribution from an individual contributor resulting an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4), in calendar year 2009.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return $100 to the individual contributor. A copy of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by both parties.

6. The Committee agrees to pay a civil penalty of $200, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. The assessment of a penalty of two times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter involved a facially excessive contribution.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board $200 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of $200 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 if the civil penalty of $200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, the terms of this conciliation agreement will be violated 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.

_____ Dated: 7/2/10

Benjamin Kruse

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By_____ Dated: May 4, 2010

Bob Milbert, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board