

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD
CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Karen) Klinzing Volunteer Committee;

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Karen Klinzing hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2003, the (Karen) Klinzing Volunteer Committee (“the Committee”) accepted \$1,304 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$100, and political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$1,200. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$204 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$1,096. The amount of the excess contributions was not returned to the contributors within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. By letter received May 7, 2004, Representative Klinzing, and her treasurer, William P. Klinzing, provided copies of the checks returning \$205 to special source contributors, and stated “it has come to our attention that we inadvertently exceeded the limit of PAC money that we can accept...We had extenuating personal circumstances starting in November of

2003...that kept us from catching inadvertent technical complications of having my constituents defined as PACs rather than personal contributors.”

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions which exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit.

The committee registered with the Board on July 22, 2002.

4. The parties agree that the (Karen) Klinzing Volunteer Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.

27, subd. 11, in calendar year 2003.

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$204, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

6. Representative Klinzing hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$204 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that a copy of the check and the accompanying letter returning the contribution, payment of the civil penalty of \$204, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 & 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$204 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then Representative Klinzing will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28 and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$408 or two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$612 or three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(c) \$816 or four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

8. It is further understood that if the civil penalty is not paid as agreed, within the times specified in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

10. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Representative Klinzing and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a

matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.

_____ Dated: July 12, 2004
Representative Karen Klinzing

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By _____ Dated: July 16, 2004
Wil Fluegel, chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board