

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the (Peter) Hutchinson for Minnesota Committee (#16260);

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

1. During 2006, the (Peter) Hutchinson for Minnesota Committee ("the Committee") accepted aggregate contributions from terminating principal campaign committees in the amount of \$20,132.69 which exceeded the \$20,000 election year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$132.69. The excess contributions were not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated September 30, 2006, Ellen Brown, treasurer states, "The mistake was entirely inadvertent, and when discovered, was immediately acknowledged and rectified through payment to the board. Therefore we respectfully ask that the board refrain from imposing further penalty to the campaign."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions in excess of the applicable party unit contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on May 23, 2005.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively-excessive contributions from terminating principal campaign committees in calendar year 2006 resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 10A.27, subdivision 2. Because the principal campaign committees that contributed to the Committee have terminated the Committee has returned the excess amount of \$132.69 to the Board for deposit into the State Elections Fund as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 9(b).

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$132.69, 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. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$132.69 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 payment of the civil penalty of \$132.69 and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$132.69 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$265.38 which is two 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;

(b) \$398.07 which is three 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.

(b) \$530.76 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received after 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

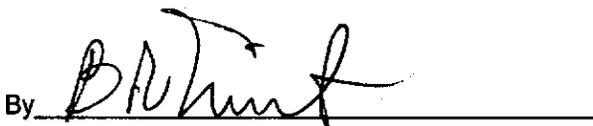
8. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11 and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.



Peter Hutchinson

Dated: 11/1/06

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board



Bob Milbert, Chair

Dated: 11/8/06

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