

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Liberty Minnesota PAC (Registration No. 30669);

1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of Liberty Minnesota PAC's 2014 pre-primary-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a contribution which, as reported, constitutes a violation of the Minnesota Statutes.
2. Liberty Minnesota PAC reported that, on May 19, 2014, it received a contribution from Broadband America Corp. in the amount of \$1,000. Liberty Minnesota PAC is a political fund registered with the Board. An examination of business filings on the Secretary of State's website indicates that Broadband America Corp. is a Minnesota corporation.
3. Corporations are prohibited from making contributions to political funds under Minnesota Statutes section 211B.15, subdivision 2. Political funds are prohibited from accepting corporate contributions under section 211B.13, subdivision 2. A corporate contribution also constitutes a contribution from an association not registered with the Board. 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 Broadband America Corp. contribution.
4. Liberty Minnesota PAC returned the prohibited contribution to Broadband America Corp. on September 29, 2014. A copy of the check used to return the contribution was provided to the Board on October 6, 2014. However, 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, Liberty Minnesota PAC agrees that it will:
 - a. Not accept any contributions from associations that are not registered with the Board from the date of this agreement through December 31, 2016.
 - b. Refrain from accepting corporate contributions.
 - c. Send its treasurer to attend the Board's in-person compliance training within 12 months of the date this agreement is signed by both parties.

6. Liberty Minnesota PAC agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$800 against Liberty Minnesota PAC for accepting a contribution that was prohibited by Minnesota Statutes section 211B.13, subdivision 2 and without the disclosure required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13. \$200 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. \$600 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If Liberty Minnesota PAC violates Minnesota Statutes section 211B.13, subdivision 2 or section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If Liberty Minnesota PAC does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 211B.13, subdivision 2 or section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

7. If Liberty Minnesota PAC 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/ Karl Egges Dated: 12/12/2014
~~Thomas Almqvist~~, Treasurer Karl Egges
Liberty Minnesota PAC

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 11/18/2014
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of Nov 18, 2014

/s/ Deanna Wiener
Deanna Wiener, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board