

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Greg Ryan for US Congress:

1. The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board conducted a routine compliance review of the Chisago County RPM's 2016 year-end report of receipts and expenditures. The review disclosed that, on September 30, 2016, the party unit received a \$240 contribution from Greg Ryan for US Congress. Greg Ryan for US Congress, a federal candidate's committee, is an association that is not registered with the Board.
2. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, prohibits an association that is not registered with the Board from making a contribution to a party unit that exceeds \$200 unless the contribution is accompanied by the written disclosure statement required by that section. The required disclosure statement was not provided with the contribution to the Chisago County RPM.
3. In an email to Board staff the Chisago County RPM's treasurer, Michael Gombold, stated that the contribution from Greg Ryan for US Congress was for the purchase of tickets to a fundraising dinner. In a phone call on March 20, 2017, Paul Holmgren, treasurer for Greg Ryan for US Congress, confirmed that the contribution was for the purchase of tickets to a fundraising event.
4. The party unit has provided documentation to the Board showing that it has returned \$40 to Greg Ryan for US Congress. This is the amount by which the contribution from the unregistered association exceeded the amount permitted without the provision of a written disclosure statement. Although the party unit has returned the prohibited portion of the contribution, the return was made after the 90-day period for returning contributions had expired and the contribution is therefore deemed accepted. Greg Ryan for US Congress has confirmed that it received and deposited the check.
5. Greg Ryan for US Congress agrees that it made a contribution in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13. This is the association's first violation of this statute.
6. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, Greg Ryan for US Congress agrees that its treasurer will provide a written disclosure statement as required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, with any contribution in excess of \$200 that is made to an entity registered with the Board.
7. Greg Ryan for US Congress agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$40 against the association for

making a contribution without providing the disclosure required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13. \$10 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties and the remaining \$30 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2019. If the association violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, before January 1, 2019, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the association does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13, before January 1, 2019, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

8. If Greg Ryan for US Congress 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/ Paul Holmgren Dated: 4/20/2017
Paul Holmgren, Treasurer
Greg Ryan for US Congress

/s/ Daniel Rosen Dated: 4/5/2017
Daniel N. Rosen, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board