

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Schmit (Matt) for Senate Committee (#17328);

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

1. The Schmit (Matt) for Senate Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Matt Schmit. During 2012, the Committee accepted aggregate contributions from party units in the amount of \$5,025. This amount exceeds the \$5,000 election year limit on contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees, set out in Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, by \$25. The \$25 excess was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In response to a routine reconciliation of the Report of Receipts and Expenditures, Senator Schmit filed an amended report disclosing the excess contribution. In a letter dated August 8, 2013, staff notified Senator Schmit of the potential violation. No response was received.

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 and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on January 3, 2012.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from political party units resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, in calendar year 2012.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$25 to party units that contributed to the Committee in calendar year 2012. A copy of the check used to return the excess amount must be provided to the Board within 30 days after the date this conciliation agreement is signed by both parties.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$25, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$25 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 the payment of the civil penalty of \$25, the return of the excess contributions, providing a copy of the check used to return the excess contribution, and this conciliation agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

