

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Lobbyist Connie Lewis (Registration No. 1889);

1. During a routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Ginny Klevorn for Representative committee's 2016 year-end report of receipts and expenditures, the Klevorn committee's treasurer informed Board staff that a contribution of \$100 had been received from Connie Lewis through the service ActBlue.

2. Ms. Lewis is a lobbyist registered with the Board since January 25, 2007. However, the contribution made to the Klevorn committee on October 1, 2016, did not indicate that Ms. Lewis was a lobbyist or contain her lobbyist registration number. Therefore, the committee was unable to identify her as a lobbyist.

3. In an email to the Board, Ms. Lewis acknowledged that the contribution was made online and did not include her lobbyist registration number. The Klevorn committee provided to the Board a copy of the ActBlue receipt for the contribution to confirm that the registration number was not provided with the contribution.

4. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5, requires a lobbyist to provide his or her registration number when contributing to a candidate's committee. The parties agree that Ms. Lewis made a contribution to a candidate's committee without providing her registration number in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. Board records indicate that this is the first instance in which Ms. Lewis violated this provision.

5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, Ms. Lewis agrees that she:

a. Fully understands the requirement that a lobbyist must include the lobbyist's name and registration number with all contributions; and

b. Will ensure that future contributions clearly state both her name and registration number, clearly identifying the number as a lobbyist registration number.

6. Ms. Lewis agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$100 against Ms. Lewis for making a contribution to a candidate that did not comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. \$25 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date this agreement is signed by both parties. \$75 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2019. If Ms. Lewis violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5 before January 1, 2019,

the stayed portion of the civil penalty is due immediately. If Ms. Lewis does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5, before January 1, 2019, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is waived.

7. If Ms. Lewis 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/ Connie Lewis Dated: 4/13/2017
Connie Lewis, Lobbyist

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