

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Koenen (Lyle) Senate Campaign Committee (#17407);


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

1. The Koenen (Lyle) Senate Campaign Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Lyle Koenen. During 2012, the Committee accepted aggregate contributions from party units and terminating principal campaign committees in the amount of \$5,300. 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 \$300. The \$300 excess was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
  
2. On July 29, 2013, Senator Koenen responded to a routine reconciliation audit stating he received an in-kind contribution of \$300 from a party unit and amended the 2012 report. In a letter dated August 7, 2013, staff notified Senator Koenen of the potential violation. No additional response was received.

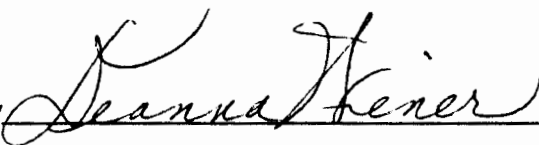
3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions in excess of the applicable party unit and terminating principal campaign committee contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on March 15, 2012.
  
4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from political party units and terminating principal campaign committees resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 2, in calendar year 2012.
  
5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$300 to party units that contributed to the Committee in calendar year 2012. Copies of the checks 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 \$300, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit.
  
7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$300 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 \$300, 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.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to pay the civil penalty of \$300, to return the excess contribution, or to provide a copy of the check used to return the excess contribution within the time specified in paragraphs 5 and 7 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair. Once signed, the agreement 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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: 10-1-13  
Senator Lyle Koenen

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By   
\_\_\_\_\_ Dated: September 10, 2013  
Deanna Wiener, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board