

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Lobbyist Irene Quarshie (Registration No. 2674);

1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Mark Dayton for a Better Minnesota Committee's 2014 September pre-general-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a contribution which, as reported, constituted a violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 10A.
2. The Mark Dayton for a Better Minnesota Committee (the Committee) reported that, on April 22, 2014, it received a contribution from Irene Quarshie in the amount of \$250. Ms. Quarshie is a lobbyist registered with the Board. April 22, 2014, was during the 2014 regular session of the Minnesota legislature, a time when Ms. Quarshie was prohibited from making contributions to principal campaign committees.
3. In a letter to the Board dated October 20, 2014, Ms. Quarshie informed that Board she made a mistake by overlooking the timing of the contribution.
4. The contribution check from Ms. Quarshie did not indicate that she was a lobbyist, nor did the check contain Ms. Quarshie's lobbyist registration number, as required by Minnesota Statutes. A copy of the check was provided to the Board to verify the missing registration number.
5. The Committee returned the prohibited contribution on September 29, 2014.
6. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, Ms. Quarshie agrees that she:
 - a. Fully understands the requirement that a lobbyist must include their name and registration number on all contributions made by a lobbyist to a candidate;
 - b. Will ensure that future contributions to candidates clearly state both her name and her registration number, clearly identifying the number as a lobbyist registration number; and
 - c. Will refrain from making contributions to candidates and the political committees of the state party legislative caucuses during regular sessions of the Minnesota legislature.
7. Ms. Quarshie agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$250 against Ms. Quarshie for making a contribution to a candidate that did not comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes

section 10A.15, subdivision 5 and in violation of Minnesota Statute section 10A.273, subdivision 1. \$50 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date this agreement is signed by both parties. \$200 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If Ms. Quarshie violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5 or Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1 before January 1, 2017, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is due immediately. If Ms. Quarshie does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5 or Minnesota Statutes section 10A.273, subdivision 1 before January 1, 2017, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is waived.

8. If Ms. Quarshie 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/ Irene Quarshie Dated: 11/24/2014
Irene Quarshie, Lobbyist

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

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of November 18, 2014

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