

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

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the John Heinrich for House committee (18220);

1. John Heinrich for House is the principal campaign committee of Representative John Heinrich. The committee's 2019 year-end report of receipts and expenditures disclosed contributions received totaling \$1,250 from Andrew Labine. The total amount exceeded the individual contribution limit during the 2019-2020 election cycle, which for a candidate for state representative is \$1,000. The amount that the committee received in excess of the limit was not returned within 90 days of deposit and is therefore deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. The committee's treasurer, Brian Herda, stated that \$250 was refunded to Mr. Labine on September 10, 2020.
3. The parties agree that the committee accepted contributions in excess of the individual contribution limit in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, during the 2019-2020 election cycle. This is the committee's first violation of the individual contribution limit.
4. To avoid similar violations in the future, the Heinrich committee agrees that it:
  - a. Will not accept a contribution that, in order to comply with the individual contribution limit, would require the committee to return any portion of a previous contribution;
  - b. Will ensure that the committee's treasurer reviews and enters contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt; and
  - c. Will run a batch compliance report after each time contributions are entered and take steps to remedy any violations the software identifies so that problems may be resolved within the 90 days provided by statute for the return of a contribution before it is deemed accepted.
5. The Heinrich committee agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty of \$250, the amount of the violation, for accepting contributions in excess of the individual contribution limit. Of this amount, \$100 is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. The remaining \$150 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2023. If the committee violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If the committee does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1, before January 1, 2023, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.

6. The Heinrich committee agrees to provide to the Board, within 90 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties, a copy of the deposited check or other documentation showing that the \$250 refunded by the committee was deposited by the contributor.

7. If the committee 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/ John Heinrich  
Representative John Heinrich  
John Heinrich for House

Dated: October 27, 2020

/s/ Gary Haugen  
Gary Haugen, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: October 8, 2020