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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this 4 day of August, 2011, by and between Helen Melton, lobbyist for CASA de Maryland, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel, to the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter "Staff Counsel").

RECITALS

The State Ethics Commission ("the Commission") is the executive agency of the State of Maryland established by Chapter 513, Acts of 1979 for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (State Government Article, Title 15, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the Ethics Law) including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

Helen Melton ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of CASA de Maryland during the period of February 4, 2011 to April 30, 2011 required her to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

The filer did not timely register on behalf of the employer CASA de Maryland, ("the employer") as required by the Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. Art., §15-703(d)(1)(Supp. 2010).

The filer subsequently registered on July 27, 2011 for the period of February 4, 2011 to April 30, 2011.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this agreement to admit her failure to timely file a lobbyist registration with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 15-405 of the Ethics Law.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration form by the filer on July 27, 2011 and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and the Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file her lobbyist registration form on behalf of CASA de Maryland for the period of February 4, 2011 to April 30, 2011, as required by § 15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.
2. The filer reported her delinquency to the Commission on July 15, 2011. She filed her registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof) on July 27, 2011.
3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject her to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon finding of a violation, late fees and the possibility of civil fines.
4. Based on the facts stated in this agreement the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matter, the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) at the time of the execution of this agreement in lieu of a potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late registration statement (paragraph 1)

5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on her failure to timely register. The filer understands that the Commission is under no obligation to accept this agreement and may decide to take other action, including issuing a complaint.

6. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which she would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and she understands that this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Ethics law, and will be public information unless otherwise protected.

7. The filer understands a copy of this agreement will be mailed to her employer.

8. The filer and Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of a lobbyist registration statement and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Helen Melton and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

William J. Colquhoun
State Ethics Commission
45 Calvert Street, 3rd Floor
Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 260-7770

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Helen Melton
Lobbyist
CASA de Maryland

State of Maryland
County of: Prince George's, to wit: Helen Melton

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Helen Melton, who made oath on this 05 day of AUGUST, 2011 in due form of law that the matters and facts hereinabove set forth are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief, and are her voluntary act and that she executed this document for the purpose set forth herein.

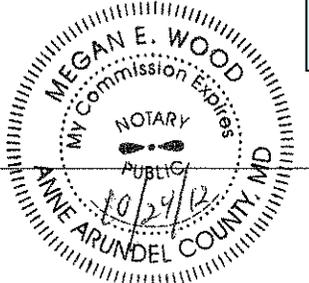
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Notary Public [Signature]

My Commission Expires: July 14/2013 FRANCISCO CARTAGENA
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires July 14, 2013

State of Maryland,
County of: Anne Arundel, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this 8 day of August, 2011 in due form of law that he executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

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[Signature]

My Commission Expires: 

Accepted by the Commission
[Signature]
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Robert F. Scholz, Chairman
for the Commission

Date: 9/14, 2011

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

What Type of registration are you seeking?

Legislative Action Lobbyist

Grass Roots Lobbyist _____

Executive Action Lobbyist _____

Non-exempt employer _____

Primary purpose of Organization

Is the employer or the registered organization (if there is no employer) organized and operated for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislation or executive action?

Yes _____ No

Check Number: 16355

PART B. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT/REGULATED LOBBYIST

1. Identifying Information

a) Name of Registrant/Regulated Lobbyist: Helen H Melton

b) Firm Name: CASA De Maryland

Address:
8151 15th Avenue
Langley Park, MD 20783

c) Business telephone: 240-491-5721

Cell phone: 202-230-4630

Do you want your telephone number on the published lobbyist list?

Yes _____ No

d) What is your occupation or type of business? Non-profit association employee

If other: N/A

2. Identification of others required to register

a) Will any other person be required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of you or the organization identified in section 1?

Yes No _____

b) If the answer to a) is "yes", identify each such person below and give their name and address?

Name: Kimberley Propeack
Address:
8151 15th Avenue
Langley Park, MD 20783
Business Phone: 240-491-5729
Email: kpropeack@casamd.org

3. Identification of employer

a) Name of persons or organizations who compensate you for activities that require registration.
CASA De Maryland

Permanent Address:
8151 15th Ave.
Langley Park, MD 20783

Business Telephone: 301-431-4185

Nature of business: latino and immigrant-based service and advocacy organization

Website of employer:

b) Will you be representing any other person or entity regarding the matters identified in this registration?

Yes _____ No

4. Registration Information

a) For what period will this registration be effective?

February 04, 2011 to April 30, 2011

b) On what matters will you be acting or employing someone to act during the registration period?
Other - *

c) If known include the bill number(s) of the matter(s) on which you lobby
HB 28,239,272,276,342,372,380,390,400,401,677,744,745,753,760,761,923,1003,1032,HJ10,SB
329,390,506,537,585,621,676,807, Support:HB 34,439,470,896, SB 150,167, HB
670,1139,SB616,620,796

PART C. REGISTRANT'S REGULATED LOBBYIST'S SIGNATURE

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(Date)

PART D. AUTHORIZATION TO ACT

1 Authorization

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is correct and that Helen H Melton (name of lobbyist) is authorized to act on behalf of CASA De Maryland (name of employer) for the period from February 04, 2011 to April 30, 2011 unless this authority is terminated sooner.

2 Exemption Status of Employer

- a) The employer claims the exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports because all expenditures requiring registration and reporting will be reported by this registrant/regulated lobbyist.
- b) _____ The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity report because the registrants/regulated lobbyist will report only expenditures and compensation regard the filer's activity. If this option is selected, the employer must submit a separate registration for lobbying and the required reports.
- c) _____ The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reports based on the activities of the filer will report only expenditures and compensation regarding the filer's activities. However, the employer does claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reporting because another regulated lobbyist will report any other expenditures of the employer, and the employer will engage in no other activity that would require it to register or report.

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Signature of Person Identified in Part B, Section 3

Date

Employer's Typed Signature