

LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this 31 day of March, 2008, by and between Joan Pitkin, lobbyist for the Prince George's County 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.

Joan Pitkin ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of Prince George's County during the years of 2003 to 2007 required her to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

On January 3, 2008, the filer met with the Staff Counsel to discuss whether or not the activities she was conducting required registration. At that time the filer informed Staff Counsel that she had been advised that her activities would not require registration as she represented a municipality and that the was similar to exemption for individuals lobbying on behalf of Maryland Association of Counties. Staff Counsel at that time determined that the filer's activities and compensation required registration.

The filer did not timely register on behalf of the employer Prince George's County, ("the employer") as required by the Md. Code. Ann., State Gov't. Art., §15-703(d)(1)(Supp.2007).

On February 20, 2008, the filer submitted the registrations for the years 2003 through 2007 along with the required activity reports for the same period.

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

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration forms filed and activity reports filed on February 20, 2008 by the filer, and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file her lobbyist registration forms on behalf of the Prince George's County for the years 2003 through 2007 as required by §15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.
2. The filer did not timely file her activity reports on behalf of the Prince George's County for the activity conducted during the years 2003 through 2007, as required by §15-704(a) of the Ethics Law.
3. The filer voluntarily reported her delinquency to the Commission on January 3, 2008. She filed the aforementioned registrations and activity reports on February 20, 2008 (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof).

4. 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.

5. Based on the facts stated in this agreement the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matter, the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) 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).

6. 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.

7. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which he would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and he 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.

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

9. The filer and the 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, Joan Pitkin, and Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

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Joan Pitkin
Lobbyist
Prince George's County

State of Maryland
County of: PRINCE GEORGE'S, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Joan Pitkin, who made oath on this 31 day of MARCH, 2008 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.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT



My Commission Expires: 1/12/2011

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 31st day of MARCH, 2008 in due form of law that he executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

DONALD M. STREET
Notary Public-Maryland
Anne Arundel County
My Commission Expires
November 09, 2010

Accepted by the Commission

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Robert F. Scholz, Chairman
for the Commission

Date: April 17, 2008