

## LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010, by and between Josh White, lobbyist for the Maryland Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, 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.

Josh White ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of the Maryland Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs for the period of November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010, required him to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

On March 9, 2010, a reception was held for the entire General Assembly by the Maryland Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs at Governor Calvert House, Annapolis, Maryland. In advance of the event, as required by law, Mr. White filed a report with the Department of Legislative Services, which provided details of the event.

Section 15-708 of the Ethics Law requires that a regulated lobbyist file a report (the "14 day report") containing an accounting of the costs of a legislative meal or reception no later than 14 days after the event.

On July 19, 2010, the filer filed the 14 day report. The report should have been filed by no later than March 23, 2010.

The filer previously entered into a Late Filing Agreement which was accepted by the Commission on September 29, 2009. The filer paid a late fee of \$250.00 in that matter for the late filing of a registration.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this agreement to admit his failure to timely file the 14 day report 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 14 day report by the filer on July 19, 2010, and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file his 14 day report on behalf the Maryland Alliance of Boys &

Girls Clubs for an event held on March 9, 2010 as required by § 15-708 of the Ethics Law.

2. The filer reported his delinquency to the Commission on July 19, 2010.
3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject him 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 FOUR HUNDRED and no/100 Dollars (\$400.00) at the time of the execution of this agreement in lieu of potential late fees and 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 the filer's 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 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.
7. The filer understands a copy of this agreement will be mailed to his employer.
8. The filer understands that because this is the second Agreement accepted by the Commission within a year, that any future violations of the Ethics Law may result in the imposition of more severe penalties.
9. The filer and the Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of the 14 day report and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Josh White and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON  
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel  
State Ethics Commission  
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Josh White  
Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, LLC  
lobbyist for Maryland Alliance of Boys &  
Girls Clubs

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 Josh White who made oath on this 8th day of September, 2010 in due form of law that the matters and facts hereinabove set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and are his voluntary act and that he executed this document for the purpose set forth herein.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/1/11

State of Maryland,

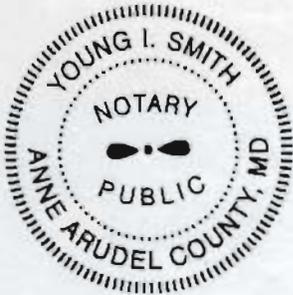
County of: Anne Arundel County to wit:

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 16th day of September, 2010 in due form of law that he executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/28/2011



Accepted by the Commission

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Robert F. Scholz, Chair  
for the Commission

Date: September 16, 2010