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This Agreement, made this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007, by and between Henry Clay Whitlow, lobbyist for Maryland Association of Community Colleges 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.

Henry Clay Whitlow ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of Maryland Association of Community Colleges during the period of November 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 required him to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

The filer did not timely register on behalf of the employer Maryland Association of Community Colleges, ("the employer") as required by the Md. Code. Ann., State Gov't. Art., §15-703(d)(1)(Supp.2006).

The filer subsequently registered on July 13, 2007 for the period of November 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this agreement to admit his 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 Section 15-405 of the Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration form by the filer on July 13, 2007 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 lobbyist registration form on behalf of Maryland Association of Community Colleges for the period of November 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007, as required by §15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.

2. The filer reported his delinquency to the Commission on July 13, 2007. He filed his registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof) on July 13, 2007.

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 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 his 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 and the Executive Director 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**, Henry Clay Whitlow, and Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel  
State Ethics Commission  
45 Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(410) 260-7770

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Henry Clay Whitlow  
Lobbyist  
Maryland Association of  
Community Colleges

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

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Henry Clay Whitlow, who made oath on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 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

My Commission Expires: 8-4-10

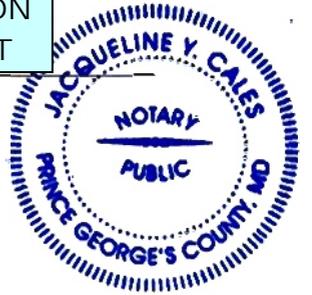
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State of Maryland,  
County of: Prince George's, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 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: 9/1/2010



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Accepted by the Commission

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Robert F. Scholz, Chairman  
for the Commission

Date: 10/10/, 2007