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## LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT 2001 AUG - | P 4: 09

This Agreement, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007, by and between Bryon F. Popham, lobbyist for CIGNA and Jennifer K. Allgair, who has been designated Staff Counsel for this matter by the Maryland State Ethics Commission ("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.

Bryson F. Popham ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of CIGNA during the period of November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007 required him to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

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

The filer subsequently registered on June 6, 2007 for the period of November 1, 2006 through October 31, 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 June 6, 2007 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 his lobbyist registration form on behalf of CIGNA for the period of November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007, as required by §15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.
- 2. The filer reported his delinquency to the Commission on June 6, 2007. He filed his registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof) on June 6, 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 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, Bryson F. Popham, and Jennifer K. Allgair, Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

Jennifer K. Allgair, Staff Counsel State Ethics Commission 45 Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Annapolis, MD 21401 410) 260-7770 Bryson F. Popham Lobbyist CIGNA

ANN MARIE WILKINSON
Notary Public
Anne Arundel County
Maryland
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