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LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this 31st day of JANUARY, 2014, by and between W. Minor Carter, lobbyist for Maryland Association of Mutual Insurance Companies ("MAMIC"), 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.

W. Minor Carter ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of MAMIC ("the employer"), for the period November 1, 2011 and October 31, 2012 required him to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

The filer did not timely register on behalf of the employer as required by the Md. Code. Ann., State Gov't. Art., §15-703(d)(1)(Supp. 2013). The filer subsequently registered on January 9, 2014.

The filer was required to submit a Lobbying Activity Report by May 31, 2012 for the period of November 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012, and a Lobbying Activity Report by November 30, 2012 for the period of May 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012 as required by § 15-704(a)(i) of the Public Ethics Law, and failed to submit the required reports in a timely manner. The filer submitted the delinquent Lobbying Activity Reports on January 9, 2014.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this Agreement to admit his failure to timely file a lobbyist registration and corresponding 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 by the filer of the required lobbyist registration form and corresponding lobbyist activity reports on January 9, 2014, 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 the employer for the period November 1, 2011 and October 31, 2012, as required by §15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.

2. The filer was notified of his delinquency on December 20, 2013. He filed his registration form and corresponding activity reports on January 9, 2014 (copies of which

have been attached hereto and made a part hereof).

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 SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY and no/100 Dollars (\$750.00) 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).

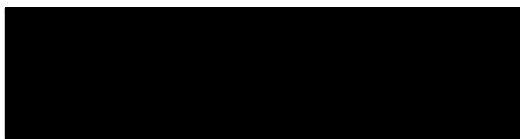
5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on his failure to timely register. The filer understands that the Commission is under no obligation to accept this Agreement and may decide to take other action, including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

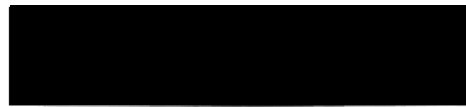
7. The filer understands a copy of this Agreement will be mailed to his employer.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, W. Minor Carter and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.



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



W. Minor Carter
Lobbyist for MAMIC

State of Maryland
County of: Culpeper, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared W. Minor Carter, who made oath on this 31st day of January, 2014 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.

[Redacted Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/14/15

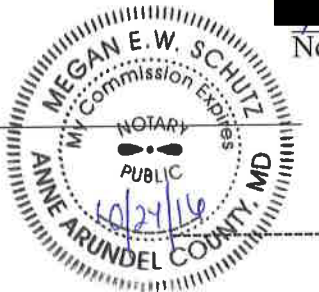
State of Maryland,
County of: Anne Arundel, to wit:

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 31 day of January, 2014 in due form of law that he executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

[Redacted Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



Accepted by the Commission

[Redacted Signature]

Paul Vettori, Chair
for the Commission

Date: 2/27/14

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Activity Report for reporting period: November 15, 2010 through April 30, 2011

Termination Report: Yes _____ No x

Termination Date:

PART A Identification of Regulated Lobbyist (Registration and Employer)

A. 1) Identifying Information (complete all blanks, compare to registration form, and explain any differences)

a) Name: W. Minor Carter

b) Permanent Address (Include firm name if applicable):
Firm Name: VanScoyoc Associates, Inc.

Address:
39 Southgate Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

c) Business telephone: 410-269-7954

Cell phone: 410-991-0374

d) What is your occupation or type of business? Other

If other: attorney

A. 2) Identification of others required to register:

a) Was any other person required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of the filer?
Yes _____ No x

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

A. 3) Identification of employer (complete only if registrant acts on behalf of another):

a) Did you engage in lobbying activity on behalf of a person or entity other than yourself?
Yes x No _____

Name: Maryland Association of Mutual Insurance Company (MAMIC)

Permanent Address:
c/o Timothy J. Swartz, Baltimore Equitable Insurance
One Charles Center; 100 N. Charles Street
Suite 640
Baltimore, MD 21201-3808

Business Telephone: 410-727-1794

Nature of business: Property and casualty insurance.

Website of employer:

b) Did you represent any other person or entity with regard to the matters covered by this registration?
Yes _____ No x

A. 4) Primary purpose of the organization:

Is your employer, or you if there was no employer, organized and operated for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislative or executive action?

Yes _____ No x

A. 5) Registration Information:

- a) For what period of registration did you engage in lobbying activity for this employer, or for yourself if you did not have an employer?
November 15, 2010 to October 31, 2011
- b) What were the matters on which you or someone in your employ engaged in lobbying activity during the registration period covered by this report?
Other - Property/Casualty insurance including taxation, regulation and corporate governance.
- c) If known include the bill number(s) of the matter(s) on which you lobby
SB 483 & 599; HB 388, 434; 457; 647

A. 6) Did the employer claim the status of exempt employer on the registration form? If that exemption is no longer claimed or should be amended, please provide an explanation for the change in the field below.
Yes No

If the exemption claimed differs from the registration form, please explain in writing:

PART B Compensation and Expenses

- B. 1)** Did you provide any meals and beverages for officials or employees or their immediate families?
Yes No
If yes, what was the exact amount? B-1 \$0.00
- B. 2)** Did you incur any expenses for special events, including dinners and receptions, entertainment and other functions to which all members of the General Assembly, either house thereof, all members of any standing committee or all members of a formally recognized (for ethics purposes) county or regional delegation have received written invitations.
Yes No
If yes, list date, location, group of invitees who benefited and total expenses for each event.
Total B-2 Expenses \$0.00
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Yes No
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Total B-3 Expenses \$0.00
- B. 4)** Did you incur any expenses for food and beverages received by any member(s) of the General Assembly at approved legislative organization meetings?
Yes No
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Total B-4 Expenses \$0.00
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Yes No
If yes, list the name of the event, location, date, name of legislative unit and total expense for each event.
Total B-5 Expenses \$0.00
- B. 6)** Did you give any gifts to or for officials or employees or their immediate families other than those that were reported in B-1 through B-5? (not including sums reported in B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4 and B-5)
Yes No
If yes, list the amount: B-6 \$0.00
Subtotal of Items B-1 through B-6 - \$0.00
- B. 7)** What was the total compensation paid to you, not including any sums reported in any other section Section B of this report? B-7 \$12,000.00

Was the amount prorated because you were compensated for services in addition to lobbying activities?

Yes No

- B. 8)** What was the total for salaries, compensation and reimbursed expenses you paid to your staff related to lobbying services for this employer? B-8 \$0.00
- B. 9)** Did you incur any additional office expenses not reported in B-7 or B-8? Yes No
If yes, list the amount: B-9 \$0.00
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If yes, list the amount: B-10 \$0.00
- B. 11)** Did you incur any expenses for publications or expenses related to expressly encouraging persons to communicate with officials or employees? Yes No
If yes, list the amount: B-11 \$0.00
- B. 12)** Did you pay any fees or incur any expenses for witnesses who were engaged to appear on behalf of your employer? Yes No
If yes, list the name and amount for each. Total B-12 Expenses \$0.00
- B. 13)** Did you incur any other expenses for this employer not otherwise accounted for in this report? If yes, list the amount and provide an explanation. Yes No
If yes, list the amount: B-13 \$0.00
Please provide an explanation: N/A
- TOTAL \$12,000.00**

- C.** Did you give any gifts or participate in the giving of any gifts with a cumulative value of \$75 or more? (Forms 13C and 13D, Section 15-704(c)) Yes No
- D.** Did you give any gifts or participate in the giving of any gifts of meals and beverages to elected Executive Officials? (Forms 13A and 13B, Section 15-705) Yes No
- E.** Did you engage in any business transactions with officials during the reporting period? (Form 21, Section 15-706) Yes No
- F.** During the reporting period, did you make any political contributions, either directly or indirectly, for the benefit of the Governor, Lt Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller member of the General Assembly or a candidate for election to any of those offices? Yes No

Please provide any narrative that you may wish with regard to any of the figures or responses in the report:

PART G Signature and Oath

The Public Ethics Law, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 15-602(d) and (e) provide the following:

(d) *Development of electronic filing procedures.* - The Ethics commission shall develop procedures under which a statement under this subtitle may be filed electronically and without additional cost to the individual who files the statement.

(e) *Oath or affirmation for electronically filed statements.* - (1) If the Activity Form (Form #4) filed electronically under subsection (d) of this section is required to be made under oath or affirmation, the oath or affirmation shall be made by a signed statement that:

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- ii. is made expressly under the penalties for perjury.

(2) A signed statement made under paragraph (1) of this subsection subjects the individual making it to the penalties for perjury to the same extent as an oath or affirmation made before an individual authorized to administer oaths.

 I have read and I understand that by submission of this electronically filed Activity Form (Form #4), I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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PART A. General Information.

This is a 12-month period, ending on the ending date reported on the lobbying activity report being submitted.

November 01, 2011 through October 31, 2012

PART B. Identification of Reporting Organization or Entry

- a) Name: W. Minor Carter
- b) Permanent Address:
Firm Name: VanScoyoc Associates, Inc.
- Address:
39 Southgate Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401
- c) Business telephone: 410-269-7954
- Cell phone: 410-991-0374

PART C. Name and Permanent Address(es) of Contributors

List the name and permanent address of each person or entity who provided at least 5% of the reporting entity's total receipt in the preceding twelve-month period ending with the last day of the organization's registration period covered by this report.

Name of Contributing person or Entity	Permanent Address
Harford Mutual Insurance Company	200 E. Main Street Bel Air , MD 21014-3544 Phone: Email:

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Termination Report: Yes _____ No

Termination Date:

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Suite 640

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Website of employer:

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Yes _____ No

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