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LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

This Agreement made this 9th day of December, 2024, by and between Margaret Durkin, lobbyist for TechNet, and Katherine P. Thompson, 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 (General Provisions Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, (hereinafter the "Ethics Law") including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

Margaret Durkin ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of TechNet ("the employer") for the period of January 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024, required them to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

On July 29, 2024, the employer held a reception for the members of the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

A lobbyist is required to file a Notice of Invitation within 5 days of a reception and a Post-Event Report for the reception within 14 days of the event, as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. Art., § 5-709 (Supp. 2024). The filer did not file either form for the reception on July 29, 2024.

The filer subsequently filed the Notice of Invitation and Post-Event Report on November 18, 2024.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this Agreement to admit their failure to timely file the Notice of Invitation and Post-Event Report with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 5-405 of the Ethics Law.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the submission of the Notice of Invitation and Post-Event Report by the filer on November 18, 2024, and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file the Notice of Invitation and Post-Event Report regarding the reception held by the employer as required by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. Art., § 5-709 (Supp. 2024).
2. The filer reported their delinquency to the Commission on November 18, 2024, and filed the Notice of Invitation and Post-Event Report the same day. (A copy of each form has been attached hereto and made a part thereof.)
3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the

Ethics Law may subject them to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon the 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 ONE HUNDRED and no/100 DOLLARS (\$100.00) 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 Notice of Invitation and Post-Event Report.
5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings for their failure to timely file. 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 they would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and they understand 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 that a copy of this Agreement will be provided to the employer.
8. The filer and the Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of the Notice of Invitation and Post-Event Report and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Margaret Durkin, lobbyist, and Katherine P. Thompson, Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.



Katherine P. Thompson, Staff Counsel
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Margaret Durkin
Lobbyist for TechNet

Accepted by the Commission



Craig D. Roswell, Chair
for the Commission

Date: 1/16, 2025

**Event Report**

Maryland State Ethics Commission | 45 Calvert Street, 3rd Floor, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Form ID: **E001224****Notice of Invitation**Notice Submitted on 11/15/2024 at 01:15PM EST | [View Original Notice](#)Amended on 11/18/2024 at 07:57PM EST | [View Amendment 1](#)**Sponsorship**

Name of Registrant

Margaret Durkin

Name of employer funding the event

TechNet

Are there any additional sponsors supporting the event?

No**Invitation Details**

Date of Event

07/29/24

Venue / Location of Event

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse Pier 5

Address

711 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 21202

Invitees for the event. This includes all legislative groups, standing committees, or designated geographical units.

House Economic Matters Committee; Senate Finance Committee**Post-Event Report**Post Event Report Submitted on 11/18/2024 at 08:08PM EST | [View Original Report](#)**Attendance**

Was this an event to which there were more invitees than just the legislative unit(s) disclosed on this report (i.e. were the invited groups part of a larger invited group?)

Yes

Please describe the circumstances why:

In addition to the committee members, representatives of TechNet members and the TechNet Executive Director also attended.

Number of legislators who attended (Optional)

19

Number of non legislators who attended (Optional)

31**Contributions to Expenditures**

Sponsor	Contributions
TechNet	\$2,556.58

Total Contributions for Event: **\$2,556.58**

Expenditures

Is this a full and final reporting of expenditures, or does it contain estimates?

Full and final

What was the total cost of the event?

\$2,556.58

How much of the cost was attributed to the legislative unit members who attended?

\$50.00

Affirmation Provision

Submission of this event report is required to be made under oath or affirmation. The oath or affirmation shall be confirmed by electronic signature, which is made expressly under penalties for perjury, to the same extent as an oath or affirmation made before an individual authorized to administer oaths.

I have read the disclaimer above and hereby swear and affirm that the information contained in this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E-signature: Margaret Durkin 11/19/2024