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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, made this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2006, by and between Paul Fiore, lobbyist for Washington Maryland Delaware Service Station and Automotive Repair Association ("WMDA") and Jill B. Martin, Esquire, who has been designated Staff Counsel for this matter by the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter the 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.

Paul Fiore ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of WMDA, during the period of November 30, 2005 through October 31, 2006 required him to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission;

The filer was registered on behalf of the employer, WMDA ("the employer") for the period November 30, 2005 through October 31, 2006 as required by the State Gov. Md. Code Ann., §15-703(d)(1)(Supp.2005).

On February 2, 2006, the employer sponsored a special event for all members of the Maryland General Assembly at the Loew's Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland.

The filer did not file Form 13F ("Fourteen Day Report") for the special event within 14 days of the event, as required by the State Government Article, Section 15-708(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.

The filer subsequently filed the Fourteen Day Report on March 27, 2006. The filer reported \$8,029.56 in total cost for the event.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this agreement to admit his failure to timely file the Fourteen Day Report with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees pursuant to Section 15-405(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the submission of the required Fourteen Day Report by the filer on March 27, 2006 and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and the Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer admits he did not timely file his Fourteen Day Report on behalf of the special event hosted by WMDA as required by §15-708(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.
2. The filer reported his delinquency to the Commission on March 27, 2006 by filing his Fourteen Day Report (a copy of which have 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 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 potential late fees for the above admitted late report (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 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 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 receiving the late submission of the Fourteen Day Report and for the payment of late fees and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Paul Fiore and Jill B. Martin, Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission), have hereunto set their hands.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON  
ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Jill B. Martin, Designated Staff Counsel  
State Ethics Commission  
45 Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
410) 260-7770

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Paul Fiore  
Lobbyist  
WMDA

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 Paul Fiore who made oath on this 31 day of May, 2006 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: 3/3/07

State of Maryland,  
County of: Baltimore, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jill B. Martin, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this 8th day of June, 2006 in due form of law that she executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-01-06



Accepted by the Commission

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

Julian L. Lapidus, Chairman  
for the Commission

Date: 6/29, 2006

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**REGULATED LOBBYIST MEAL OR RECEPTION  
LEGISLATIVE UNIT – FOURTEEN DAY REPORT (Form #13F)**

Regulated Lobbyists must file this report directly with the State Ethics Commission within 14 days after an event to which all members of the General Assembly, either house thereof, all members of any standing committee or all members of a formally designated regional (for ethics disclosure purposes) county or regional delegation received written invitations. If all of the required reporting information is not available, the regulated lobbyist should describe the nature of the event and estimate any expense not known. If this report is a full and accurate accounting of the activity, the regulated lobbyist is not to report it on the regular Lobbying Activity Report (Form #4). If this report does not include a full and accurate accounting, the event must be reported on the regular Lobbying Activity Report.

A. Name of Regulated Lobbyist or Entity (If There Is NO Individual Lobbyist):

Paul Fiore

Name of Employer or Employers Supporting the Event:

Washington DC, Maryland & Delaware Service Station & Automotive Repair Association

B. List on the lines below the date and location of the event, the group of invitees (legislative units) and the total expenses for the event. If there was more than one sponsor, list the dollar share of each sponsor.

February 2, 2006, Legislative Reception, Loew's Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland

All State Delegates and Senators were invited

Total Cost of the Event - \$ 8,029.56

C. Is this a final full and accurate report or does it contain estimates?

Final  Estimates

D. If the expenses in Section B above are estimates, describe on the lines below what part of the total expenses are still to be finally determined.

I solemnly swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this report including any attachments thereto, are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Person Filing:

Date:

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

[SEAL]

Sworn to before me this  
Signature of Notary Public:

Printed/typed Name of Notary Public:

My Commission Expires:

3/23/06  
23 day of March, 2006

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