

In the Matter of:

Before the State Ethics Commission

THE REVEREND TERRY A. HAWKINS

Respondent

Complaint No.: C-15-06

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**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2007, between The Reverend Terry A. Hawkins, Respondent and Staff Counsel, agreed as follows:

**STIPULATIONS**

The State Ethics Commission ("Commission") is an executive agency of the State of Maryland established for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (Title 15, State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the Ethics Law);

The Respondent is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative, Inc. ("the employer") during the period of November 1, 2005 through April 20, 2006, required registration as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission;

The Respondent registered on March 27, 2006 as a lobbyist with the Commission as required by the State Government Article, Section 15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law on behalf of the employer;

The Respondent was required to submit a Lobbying Activity Report by May 31, 2006 for the period March 10 through April 30, 2006, as required by the State Government Article, Section 15-704(a)(i) of the Ethics Law and failed to submit the required report;

On August 15, 2006, the Commission issued a complaint against the Respondent alleging the failure to file a Lobbying Activity Report for the period of March 10 through April 30, 2006;

On September 14, 2006 the Respondent submitted the delinquent Lobbying Activity Report for the period March 10 through April 30, 2006; and

The Respondent is voluntarily entering into this Stipulation of Settlement Agreement to admit his failure to timely file the Lobbying Activity Report for the period March 10 through April 30, 2006, with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees pursuant to State Government Article, Section 14-405 of the Public Ethics Law;

**IN CONSIDERATION** of the submission of the required Lobbying Activity Report by the Respondent, and the stipulations recited above, the Respondent and Executive Director on behalf of Staff Counsel agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits that he did not timely file his Lobbying Activity Report on behalf of the employer for the period March 10 through April 30, 2006 as required by State Government Article, Section 15-704(a)(ii) of the Ethics Law;

2. Respondent subsequently filed the required Lobbying Activity Report with the Commission on September 14, 2006 (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part hereof);
3. Respondent understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Public Ethics Law can subject her to a formal complaint by the Commission and upon a finding of a violation the possibility of late fees, civil fines, reprimand or a suspension of her ability to lobby for compensation;
4. Based on the facts stated in this Stipulation of Settlement, the Respondent agrees to pay as settlement of the complaint, the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in lieu of potential late fees and other fines for the admitted late filing of the Lobbying Activity Report. The Respondent has submitted a check in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) with this Agreement and will pay the remainder of the agreed amount pursuant to the agreed upon payment schedule (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part hereof);
5. Respondent waives a formal hearing on this matter and agrees that acceptance of the Stipulation of Settlement by the Commission would constitute, based on his admission of violations of the Public Ethics Law, a final action and finding of violation by the Commission, and, pursuant to § 15-407 of the Public Ethics Law, this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Public Ethics Law and will be public information unless otherwise protected;
6. Executive Director on behalf of Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the Respondent, recommend that the Commission suspend further complaint proceedings against the Respondent and recommend further that the Commission issue a Final Order in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
7. Respondent accepts that the Commission, pursuant to Section 15-405(c)(2) of the Ethics Law, will issue a reprimand to her effective the date of the Final Order. The reprimand, this agreement, including any documents incorporated herein, and the Final Order will be transmitted to her employer; *Not employed - was hired as independent contractor*
8. Respondent and Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of the Lobbying Activity Report, for the payment in lieu of late fees, and to resolve the complaint now pending, and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREFORE**, The Reverend Terry A. Hawkins, Respondent and Jennifer K. Allgair, Staff Counsel for the State Ethics Commission, have signed below.

Dated this Feb 2, 2007

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

The Reverend Terry A. Hawkins, Lobbyist

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Jennifer K. Allgair, Staff Counsel  
 State Ethics Commission  
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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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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 Jennifer K. Allgair, Staff Counsel for the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this day of 28th February, 2007 in due form of law that she 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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State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

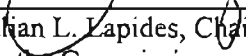
Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared The Reverend Terry A. Hawkins, who made oath on this \_\_\_\_\_ the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 in due form of law that matters and facts hereinabove set forth are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief, and are her voluntary act and that she executed this document for the purposes set forth herein.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by the Commission

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Julian L. Lapidés, Chairperson  
for the Commission