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**LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT**

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

This Agreement, made this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006, by and between Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc., and Jill B. Martin, Esquire, who has been designated Staff Counsel for this matter by the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter the Staff Counsel).

**W I T N E S S E T H**

**WHEREAS**, 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;

**WHEREAS**, Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc., (hereinafter the "organization") is an organization who had lobbying activities during the period of November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the organization was not timely registered for the period of November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2006 as a non-exempt employer;

**WHEREAS**, the organization subsequently registered on February 2, 2006 for the period November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the organization, through its Secretary has stated the late filing was an inadvertent error due to a transitional period at the organization and will not be repeated in the future;

**WHEREAS**, the organization is voluntarily entering into this agreement to admit its failure to timely file a lobbyist registration 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 lobbyist registration form by the organization on February 2, 2006 and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and the Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The organization did not timely file the organization lobbyist registration form for the period November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006 as required by §15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.

2. The organization reported the delinquency to the Commission on February 2, 2006 by filing the registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof).

3. The organization understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject the organization 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 organization 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 registration statement (paragraph 1).

5. The Staff Counsel will upon execution of this Agreement by the organization recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on the organization's failure to timely register. The organization 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 organization waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which it would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and 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 organization and Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of receiving the late submission of a lobbyist registration statement and for the payment of late fees and for no other purpose.

*Md. Taxpayers Association, Inc.*  
*by Diane Mahoney, Secretary*  
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, representing Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc., 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  
9 State Circle, Suite 200  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(410) 974-2068

Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc.

By: SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

(Printed Name)  
*DIANE MAHONEY*  
*SECRETARY*  
(Title)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as presented to me on this *19* *May* 20 *06* at *Baltimore*, Maryland.  
*[Signature]*  
Notary Public  
My commission expires *7* *19* 20 *09*



State of \_\_\_\_\_,  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged herself or himself to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc., and that he or she as such \_\_\_\_\_ (officer) and being authorized to do so, executed this document for the purpose set forth herein on behalf of Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc., on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006 in due form of law that she executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.



My Commission Expires: 8-01-06

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Accepted by the Commission

SIGNATURE APPEARS ON ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Julian L. Lapidés, Chairman  
for the Commission

Date: 6/29, 2006

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LOBBYING REGISTRATION FORM (Form #3)

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

PART A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Registration (Check all appropriate blanks)

Legislative Action Lobbyist \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Action Lobbyist \_\_\_\_\_

Grass Roots Lobbyist

Non-Exempt Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Purpose of Organization

Is the employer organization, or the registered organization if there is no employer, organized and operated for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislative or executive action? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose the required registration fee of \$50 made payable to the State of Maryland.

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PART B. IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT/REGULATED LOBBYIST

I. Identifying information (complete all blanks):

a) Name Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc.

b) Permanent address (Include firm name if applicable) 9613-C Harford Rd. #527  
Baltimore, Md. 21234

c) Business telephone (540) 554-2964 Do you want number on published lobbyist list? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Cell phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

d) Occupation or type of business (required) \_\_\_\_\_

e) E-Mail address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

II. Identification of others required to register:

a) Will any person be required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of the person or organization identified in section I? Yes \_\_\_ No

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

III. Identification of employer (complete only if registrant/regulated lobbyist acts on behalf of another; also have the employer complete Part D):

a) Identify all persons or organizations who compensate the registrant/regulated lobbyist for activities requiring this registration:

Name None

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Business \_\_\_\_\_

b) Identify any other person whom the registrant/regulated lobbyist will represent regarding the matters identified in this registration (if none, put in none) \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Registration Information:

- a) State the period (include both beginning and ending month, day and year) for which this registration is effective: November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2006
- b) Identify the matters (including bill number if known) on which the registrant/regulated lobbyist expects to act or employ someone to act during the registration period tax issues & spending

PART C. REGISTRANT'S/REGULATED LOBBYIST'S SIGNATURE

Maryland Taxpayers Association, Inc.  
by Diane Mahoney, Secretary November 1, 2005  
 Name Date

PART D. AUTHORIZATION TO ACT (to be completed by each person identified in Part B (III) )

I. Authorization

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is correct and that \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby authorized to act on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ for the period set forth in Part B, section IV(a) and as to the matters set forth in Part B, section IV (b) herein unless this authority is terminated sooner.

II. Exemption Status of Employer (check one, either (a), (b) or (c))

- a)  The employer does claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports because all expenditures requiring registration and reporting will be reported by the above registrant/regulated lobbyist or other registrants/regulated lobbyists acting on its behalf, and the employer engages in no other lobbying activity that requires it to register and report.
- b)  The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports. The above registrant/regulated lobbyist will report only expenditures and compensation regarding the above registrant's /regulated lobbyist's activity. A separate registration will be submitted by the employer listed in Part B(III).
- c)  The employer does not claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reporting requirements based on the activities of the above registrant/regulated lobbyist. The above registrant/regulated lobbyist will report only expenditures and compensation regarding the above registrant's/regulated lobbyist's activity. However, the employer does claim an exemption from filing its own registration and reporting because another regulated lobbyist or lobbyists will report any other expenditures of the employer, and the employer will engage in no other activity that would require it to register or report.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer's Signature Date Signature of Person Identified in Part B, Section III (b) Date

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 Employer's Printed or Typed Signature