

## LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, by and between NAACP 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.

SWW NAACP ("the filer") is an association which had lobbying activities during the period of December 13, 2012 through October 31, 2013, requiring it to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission.

The filer did not timely register as required by the Md. Code. Ann., State Gov't. Art., §15-703(d)(1)(Supp. 2012).

The filer subsequently registered on February 14, 2013.

The filer 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 and other fines pursuant to §15-405 of the Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration form by the filer on February 14, 2013 and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file its lobbyist registration form as required by §15-703(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.

2. The filer reported its delinquency to the Commission on February 14, 2013. It filed its registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof) the same day.

3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject it 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-Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) 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 regarding its 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 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 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 for no other purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Steven Hawkins, representing NAACP, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel, State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.



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Steven Hawkins  
NAACP

State of Maryland

County of: Montgomery, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Steven Hawkins, and acknowledged that he was an individual authorized to execute this document on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013 on behalf of NAACP, and that he executed this document for the purpose set forth herein on behalf of NAACP.



*Blah H. Vetter* Notary Public  
Notary Public State Of Maryland  
My Commission Expires July 13, 2015

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State of Maryland,

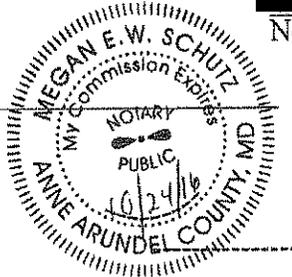
County of: Anne Arundel, to wit:

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 1 day of April, 2013 in due form of law that he executed this agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

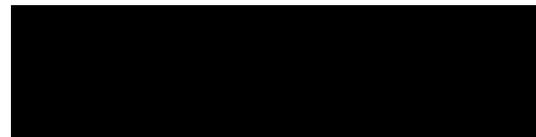


Notary Public

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Accepted by the Commission



Paul Vettori, Chair  
for the Commission

Date: May 10, 2013