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**LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, made this 21 day of JUNE 2013, by and between Kathleen Waybright, lobbyist for Progressive Maryland, 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 Public Ethics Law) including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

Kathleen Waybright ("the filer") is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of Progressive Maryland<sup>1</sup> ("the employer") during the period of November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013 required her to register as a lobbyist with the State Ethics Commission as required by § 15-703(d)(1) of the Public Ethics Law.

The filer was required to submit a Lobbying Activity Report by May 31, 2013 for the period of November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013, as required by § 15-704(a)(i) of the Public Ethics Law, and failed to submit the required report in a timely manner.

On June 5, 2013, the filer submitted the delinquent Lobbying Activity Report for the period of November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013.

The filer is voluntarily entering into this Agreement to admit her failure to timely file the Lobbying Activity Report for the period of November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and fines that could be assessed pursuant to § 15-405 of the Public Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the agreements herein contained and effective on the Commission's acceptance of the terms of this Agreement, Kathleen Waybright, lobbyist for Progressive Maryland, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel agree as follows:

1. The filer admits that she did not timely file her Lobbying Activity Report on behalf of the employer<sup>2</sup> for the period November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 by May 31, 2013, in violation of § 15-704(a)(i) of the Public Ethics Law.
2. The filer subsequently filed the required Lobbying Activity Report with the

<sup>1</sup> The filer mistakenly spelled "Progressive" as "Progressvie" on her registration.

<sup>2</sup> The employer since 2006, inclusive of the filer, has had seven (7) lobbyists enter into Late Filing Agreements.

Commission (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part hereof).

3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Public Ethics Law may subject her to the possibility of late fees, civil fines, reprimand, a suspension of her ability to lobby for compensation and other penalties. The filer acknowledges that she has been advised that the filing deadlines for activity reports are May 31<sup>st</sup> for the period of November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> for the period May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> if she is registered in those reporting periods. The filer also acknowledges that future late filed activity reports could be viewed as knowing and willful violations of the Ethics Law.
4. Based on the facts stated in this Agreement, the filer agrees to pay as settlement, the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) at the time of the execution of this Agreement in lieu of potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late activity report (paragraph 1).
5. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter and agrees that acceptance of the Agreement by the Commission would constitute, based on her admission of violations of the Public Ethics Law, a final action and finding of violation by the Commission, and that, pursuant to § 15-407 of the 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. Staff Counsel, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, will recommend that the Commission suspend further proceedings against the filer. 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.
7. The filer understands a copy of this Agreement will be mailed to her employer.
8. The filer and Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of the Lobbyist Activity Report and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREFORE**, Kathleen Waybright, lobbyist for Progressive Maryland, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel for the State Ethics Commission, have signed below.

  
William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel  
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Kathleen Waybright  
Lobbyist  
Progressive Maryland

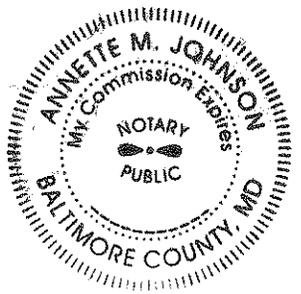
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State of Maryland

County of: Baltimore, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Kathleen Waybright, who made oath on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2013, in due form of law that the 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 purpose set forth herein.

[Redacted Signature]  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/22/14



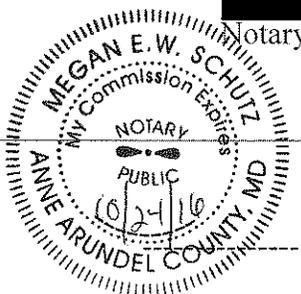
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State of Maryland

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

[Redacted Signature]  
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Notary Public

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



Accepted by the Commission

[Redacted Signature]

Paul M. Vettori, Chairman  
for the Commission

Date: June 27, 2013