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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

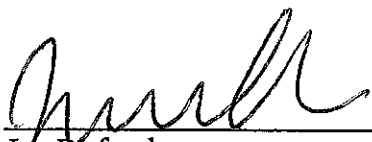
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This settlement agreement is entered into by Jay P. Dufrechou, in his official capacity as a Deputy Commissioner, duly appointed by the current Montana Commissioner of Political Practices and the following parties: William Hester and Colby Reynolds (hereinafter "the Respondents").

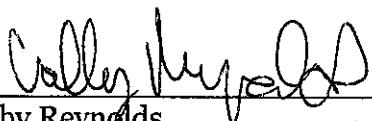
Montana law authorizes the Commissioner to file an action in district court in order to seek a civil penalty for violation of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws and rules, §§13-37-124 and 13-37-128 Mont. Code Ann. In order to avoid litigation, the Deputy Commissioner and the Respondent enter into this agreement to resolve this matter.

1. The Deputy Commissioner acknowledges that Ms. Page-Nei filed a Campaign Finance and Practices Complaint against Colby Reynolds, Bill Hester and Kevin O'Brien for violation of Montana's campaign finance and practices laws on May 3, 2013.
2. On January 30, 2014 the Deputy Commissioner issued a Summary of Facts and Finding of Sufficient Evidence to Show a Violation of Montana's Campaign Practices Act, the Commissioner's cause number COPP-2013-CFP-0020 (hereinafter "the Decision"). The Decision determined that the Respondents failed to comply with certain campaign finance and practices laws and administrative regulations.
3. The Respondents acknowledge that they have read and understand the Commissioner's decision issued in the above referenced cause.
4. The Respondents acknowledge the findings of fact contained in the Decision and admit that they failed to include an attribution on a campaign mailer that was mailed in the Florence Carlton School District for a total cost of \$686, which was mailed on April 19, 2013. Failing to include an appropriate attribution on a campaign mailer 13-35-225(1) Mont. Code Ann.
5. The Respondents acknowledge that their failure to attribute the campaign mailer was a violation of the public trust.
6. The Deputy Commissioner and the Respondents agree that execution of this settlement agreement by both parties, and a payment of a civil fine in the amount of \$686.00 by the Respondents, fully and finally resolves all of the issues as set forth in the Decision.

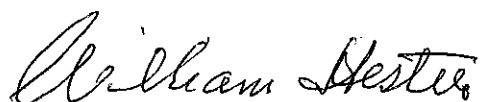
7. Simultaneously with the return of the executed settlement agreement the Respondent will remit to the Commissioner \$686.00, on a check or checks made out to: "Commissioner of Political Practices" and mailed to the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices, 1205 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, P.O. Box 202401, Helena, Montana, 59620.
8. In consideration of payment of the civil fine referenced above, the Deputy Commissioner agrees not to pursue any further administrative or court proceedings against the Respondents or other persons that may be named or unnamed in the Decision, based on the matters discussed in the Decision.
9. The Respondents enter into this agreement to avoid litigation and to resolve and settle this dispute with the Deputy Commissioner. It is understood and agreed that the payment of the civil fine referenced above, and execution of this settlement agreement by the Respondents is accepted as the sole consideration for full satisfaction and compromise of what may be disputed claims.
10. The Commissioner of Political Practices, the Deputy Commissioner and the Respondents fully and forever release and discharge each other and their respective officials, officers, members, employees, successors, assigns, agents, ostensible agents, attorneys, and representatives from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, demands, expenses, damages or injuries, whether asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of the matters investigated by the Deputy Commissioner and summarized in the Decision.
11. The Deputy Commissioner and the Respondent agree that the executed Settlement Agreement is a public document and will be made available to members of the public.
12. This settlement agreement, consisting of 3 pages, sets forth the entire agreement that has been reached between the Deputy Commissioner and the Respondents. No modification or amendment of this agreement will be effective unless both parties complete a subsequent written statement that is signed by both parties.

  
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Jay Dufrechou  
Deputy Commissioner of Political Practices

16 May 2014  
Dated

  
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Colby Reynolds

31 MARCH 2014  
Dated

  
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William Hester

31 MARCH 2014  
Dated