#### **MARYLAND**

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### Memorandum

**TO:** State Board Members

**FROM:** Jared DeMarinis, Director

Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance

**DATE:** July 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Waiver of late filing fees standards

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by campaign committees that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each committee as well as the Administrator's recommendation for Board approval on granting a waiver request.

In the past the Board has considered the following facts in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

- □ Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
- ☐ The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family.
- ☐ The late report is the first late report and allows the committee to close, or contains minimal financial activity.
- □ The fee will cause undue financial hardship, if the liability of the fine is the personal responsibility of the officers.
- □ Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-337 (b) (3), the State Administrator has denied nine waiver request. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for the month of July are \$68,882,62

Please feel free to contact me at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.

- 1. ABC of Chesapeake Shores PAC
- 2. Buchanan, David People for
- 3. Conservative Club of Maryland PAC
- 4. Feldwick, (Christopher) Chris Americans For
- 5. Freeman, Harry Friends of
- 6. Gauthier, Rachel Friends of
- 7. Marylanders for Freedom and Opportunity
- 8. Smith, Taiwan, (T.J.) Friends of
- 9. Vogel Roitman, Joe Friends of
- 10. Lower Shore Progressive Caucus PAC

### Denied

- 1. Barksdale, Taurus Friends of
- 2. Bird, Robert Friends of
- 3. Bostick, Christina J. Committee to Elect
- 4. Calvert County Democratic Central Committee
- 5. Gebert, Carla Friends of
- 6. Hull, LeOtha N. for Bd of Education
- 7. Planned Parenthood Advocates for DC, Maryland & NoVa PAC
- 8. Supporters of Maryland Winegrowing PAC
- 9. Zittrauer, John Friends of

Name	Name of Committee Amount owed				
1.	Luc Angolat fr the Poonla	\$40			
1. 2.	Luc Angelot fr the People	\$40 \$20			
2. 3.	Baltimore County Physicians PAC	\$20 \$40			
3. 4.	Baltimore County Victory Slate	\$40 \$40			
	Regina Benbow for Baltimore	\$40 \$20			
5. 6.	Friends of Arron (David) Bramble	\$20 \$20			
_	Citizens for Troy Brittingham Jr.	\$20 \$20			
7.	Friends of Wendy A. Cartwright	·			
8.	Friends of James Cecil	\$20			
9. 10	Constitutional Conservative for Maryland PA				
	Friends of Marques Dent	\$ 40			
	Friends of Cory D. Edwards	\$40 \$40			
	Citizens for Russ English for Delegate Galvanize US PAC	·			
		\$40 \$20			
	Friends to Elect Robert Gatto GOP Leaders for Howard Slate	\$20 \$80			
		\$80 \$40			
	Citizens to Elect Victor Henderson	·			
	Friends of Kory T. Johnson	\$40 \$40			
	Vladimir Johnson, Judge of Orphans Court	\$40 \$40			
	Committee to Elect Angela R. Jones	\$40 \$40			
	Friends of James "Jimmy" Mathis	\$40 \$40			
	Friends of Loralyn Mayo(key) Committee for Rod McMillion	\$40 \$40			
		\$40 \$20			
	Friends of Nick Mosby				
	Forest Bernard Poindexter, Baltimore City Ma (Gregory) Robbins for Sheriff	\$40 \$40			
	Committee to Elect John Robertson	\$40 \$40			
_	Friends of Winifred Roche	\$20			
	Friends of Stephanie Smith	\$40			
	Standardbred PAC Maryland	\$40			
	Citizens for Kevin Wedding	\$40 \$40			
	Neighbors of Derrick Whiting	\$40 \$40			
	Friends of Brian Woolfolk	\$40 \$40			
	Friends of Safa Hira	\$40 \$40			
	Friends of Sala Fila Friends of Herbie Smith	\$40 \$40			
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### **Committees with Late Fees Outside SOL**

CCF ID	OSP Case	Committee Name	Late Fees
01010106	24-0028	Adair, Robert L. Friends of	\$60.00
01012692	24-0029	Ames, Marvin District 1	\$2,000.00
01008953	24-0030	Anne Fleming for Board of Education	\$60.00
01005766	24-0032	Baker, Johnny Friends of	\$500.00
03009052	24-0033	Baltimore County Young Democrats PAC	\$250.00
01006066	24-0034	Beach, Sheri L. Citizens for	\$500.00
01005990	24-0035	Becker, Neil Friends of	\$250.00
01006303	24-0036	Bell, Clarence Sheriff, Citizens To Elect	\$1,040.00
01010275	24-0037	Benjamin, Rod Committee to Elect	\$70.00
01005992	24-0038	Bethea, Jordan Friends of	\$1,580.00
01007275	24-0039	Bevard, Charles E. Citizens For	\$540.00
01003653	24-0040	Bollinger, Marian Citizens For	\$5,000.00
01007340	24-0041	Brim, Henry Jr. Friends of	\$500.00
01006363	24-0042	Bruce, Dawn Friends Of	\$250.00
01006099	24-0043	Buck, John H.Citizens for	\$250.00
01003007	24-0044	Bundley, Andrey Supporters Of	\$1,660.00
01003314	24-0045	Bundley, Andrey Committee To Elect Dr.	\$1,660.00
01004701	24-0046	Burke, Roy Friends Of	\$2,500.00
01010612	24-0047	Cassidy, Mike Friends of	\$2,810.00
03008325	24-0048	Charm City Greens PAC	\$290.00
03008364	24-0049	Citizens For A Better Government PAC	\$500.00
03008520	24-0050	Citizens for a Progressive Maryland PAC	\$250.00
02008802	24-0051	Citizens For District 1 Slate	\$390.00
02012992	24-0052	Citizens for Transparent & Ethical Government Slate	\$140.00
01006423	24-0053	Collins, Terence Friends Of	\$460.00
01000637	24-0054	Conwell, Scott Friends Of	\$220.00
01002976	24-0055	DeRan, Craig Friends Of	\$250.00
01012728	24-0056	Dyer IV, John J. Friends of	\$70.00
01011193	24-0057	Ebron, Kenneth Community Run	\$1,401.00
01012202	24-0058	Espy, (Carolyn) Jaye for Delegate	\$100.00
01012114	24-0059	Fikes, Cynthia Friends of	\$640.00
01002518	24-0060	Goldsborough, Vickie Friends Of	\$5,250.00
01005999	24-0061	Gulyas, Louise L. Friends of	\$250.00
01012537	24-0062	Hamilton, Timothy for BOE	\$1,500.00
01004007	24-0063	Hargrave, (Kevin) Vote For	\$2,520.00
01006142	24-0064	Harris, Fran Friends of	\$500.00
01012198	24-0065	Heine, Bill Citizens for \$500	
01004736	24-0066	Henderson, James Friends Of \$500	
02008745	24-0067	House Democratic Committee Slate, Maryland \$10.00	
01005136	24-0068	Howell, (Adrion) For Clerk of Court Committee	\$2,750.00

### General

Account Name	ABC of Chesapeake Shores PAC	
CCF ID:	03007846	Status: Active
Date Established	5/22/1986	
Date Waiver Requested	5/23/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

### **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Charles Bendall	<b>Start Date: 11/29/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jeffrey Ferguson	1/22/08
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
2023 Annual Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
Post General Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
Pre-General 2 Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
Pre-General 1 Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
Pre-Primary 2 Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
Pre-Primary 1 Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
2021 Annual Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
2022 Annual Audit		5/19/23	\$210	\$210
			Total	\$1680.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	1000	Waived	N/A

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

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Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$2,450.00	\$2,008.00	\$55,189.88	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The treasurer states the audit proved to be quite the undertaking and he was working with SBE from the day he received the notices. Hours were spent reconciling each item that was listed on the report.

### **Division Comments**

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Administrator's Decision				

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Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.		
Spring Business Contribution Statement		
Fall Business Contribution Statement		
None - Submitting MDCRIS		
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *		
1680.00		

### The basis for the request

The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

I am requesting a waiver of these fees based on the following information. My firm, Mullen Sondberg Wimbish & Stone, PA was enlisted to assist ABC in filing campaign finance reports back in October 2022. When ABC received all of the audit notices stemming back to 2021, this proved to be quite the undertaking and I was working with Diane Zagorski from the day I received the notices. I spent hours going back to 2021 reconciling each item that was listed on the reports to try and get each report to tie out. There were errors with every report so this process was very time consuming. During this time period, I suddenly lost my Uncle who lives in NJ and I had to go there for funeral services. Upon my return, my father, who is 82 fell and had to have a major surgery this week. Based on this unfortunate set of circumstances and the complexity of the audited reports, I hope you will consider waiving these late fees. On a positive note, this exercise has given me a much deeper understanding of how to accurately file these reports so moving forward we shouldn't have reconciliation issues. I really appreciate your prompt consideration. Sincerely, Jill Shores

### Print Name and Date:

By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.

Jill Shores

### General

Account Name	Buchanan, David People for	
CCF ID:	01014764	Status: Active
Date Established	4/15/22	
Date Waiver Requested	5/03/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Annette Buchanan	<b>Start Date: 4/15/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	David Buchanan	4/15/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
11/22/22		11/25/22	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
				Total: \$60.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$40	paid	N/A
1/18/23	\$315	paid	N/A

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$(328.00)	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The committee states they h	ad problems using MDCRIS, but	never raised any funds.

### **Division Comments**

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Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision		

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
\$300.
The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
I have had problems with mdcris app for months. I never received any monies (contributions). I am retired on disability so funds are limited. Thanks
Print Name and Date:  * By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
DAVID R BUCHANAN 04/31/2023

### General

Account Name	Conservative Club of	Conservative Club of Maryland PAC	
CCF ID:	03013041	Status: Active	
Date Established	6/15/18		
Date Waiver Requested	5/23/23		
Account Type	Campaign Account		

### **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>		Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer	James Stone	6/15/18
Current Chairman	Geoffrey Thornton	6/13/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/22		5/18/23	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
				Total: \$1000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
11/22/22	\$20	paid	yes
10/28/22	\$80	paid	N/A
8/28/18	\$40	paid	yes

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavits	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The committee chairman states he was out of the state helping a family member when the report was due. The chairman had just taken over and did not realize the severity of the issue.

### **Division Comments**

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Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision		

Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.				
Spring Business Contribution Statement				
Fall Business Contribution Statement				
None - Submitting MDCRIS				
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *				
1000				
The basis for the request *				
The basis for the request				
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).				
I HAVE BEEN OUT OF THE STATE HELPING WITH FAMILY MEDICAL ISSUES AND HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW MUCH OF THE MAIL THAT WAS SENT TO ME. I HAD MISTAKENLY THOUGHT WE HAD ALREADY FILED THE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT. I AM NEW TO THIS OFFICE AND HAD JUST TAKEN OVER FOR JAMES STONE, THE PREVIOUS CHAIRPERSON, AND DID NOT REALIZE THE SEVERITY OF OUR DEFICIENCY UNTIL JUST RECENTLY.				
Print Name and Date:				
By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.				
GEOFFREY THORNTON				

### General

Account Name	Feldwick, (Christophe	r) Chris Americans for
CCF ID:	01013587	Status: Active
Date Established	3/02/21	
Date Waiver Requested	10/18/22	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Clifford Feldwick	<b>Start Date: 3/02/21</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Cristopher Feldwick	3/02/21
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
7/08/22		10/18/22	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
			_	Total: \$1000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$80	paid	yes
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states the committee	has not raised	l any fund	ls and	l filed	all	affida	avits	for t	he reports

### **Division Comments**

Grant	first	request.
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### Re: Missed report

4 messages

Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 2:54 PM

To: Cliff Feldwick <cliff@feldwick.com>, Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Received.

On Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 2:40 PM Cliff Feldwick <cliff@feldwick.com> wrote:

Good afternoon

Committee: Americans for Chris Feldwick – House of Delegates

I have received your notice of failure to file a report on 7/8/2022 for this committee. As treasurer, I have tried to stay abreast of filing, and have filed an Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for all filings. I have filed the missing report today.

As noted, this campaign has received no contributions and had no expenditures throughout its life. I am sorry for missing this deadline – the mistake was inadvertent.

Accordingly, I ask that the suggested fine be forgiven.

Please let me know of the disposition of this matter. Thank you.

Cliff Feldwick

Treasurer



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Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran

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Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance

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### General

Account Name	Freeman, Harry Friend	ls of
CCF ID:	01012140	Status: Active
Date Established	1/04/18	
Date Waiver Requested	4/15/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Sahan Kamara	Start Date:	1/04/18
Responsible Treasurer			
Current Chairman	Harry Freeman	1/04/18	
Responsible Chairman			

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/19/22		1/29/22	\$245	\$245
			\$	\$
				Total: \$245.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/
				Obligations
6/14/22	\$25.00	\$1,533.00	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states he was not able to log in to the account until he made contact with SBE
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### **Division Comments**

Division Comments
Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision		

# State of Maryland



Late Fee Waiver Request Form

Instructions: Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. \*Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate. Campaign Account Name: Freeman, Harry Friends of Account Number: 01012140 Date of Request: 15 APR 2022 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 245 Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Sahan Kamara The Requestor is the: ☐ Chairman ☑ Treasurer □ Candidate Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): The basis for the request: I was unable to file a timely report due to technical difficulties with CRIS I made several phone calls to SBE for assistance, however, was not able to contact anyone by phone. I find this very untypical of SBE and believe this to be a result of COVID restrictions preventing SBE staff from coming into the office. Under normal operating conditions, I believe this issue would have been resolved with my first call to SBE. I found emailing SBE a bit more responsive, however, it took several days of both calls and emails to reach someone who could restore my access to CRIS. Some of the difficulty I had getting support is reflected in the attached emails. Therefore,

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(Signature)		(Date)
	For Board Use Only	

we request all late fee be waived, as the one and only time the campaign missed a filing deadline was

For Board Use Only

Date Rcvd:\_\_\_\_\_ Date Heard:\_\_\_\_\_

Verification:\_\_\_\_\_

Bd. Decision.\_\_\_\_\_

due to not being able to log in to CRIS, a circumstance beyond our control.

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### General

Account Name	Gauthier, Rachel Frier	Gauthier, Rachel Friends of	
CCF ID:	01014641	Status: Active	
Date Established	4/14/22		
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/17/22		
Account Type	Campaign Account		

### **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Pat Sepel	<b>Start Date: 8/09/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer	Lisa Bennett	4/14/22
Current Chairman	Rachel Gauthier	4/14/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
7/08/22		8/10/22	\$1000	\$1000
6/14/22		8/10/22	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/
				Obligations
8/30/22	\$2062.00	\$2000.00	\$62.00	\$2062.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The candidate states the original treasurer did not file the reports and became completely overwhelmed by the process and resigned from her position. The new treasurer step in to file the reports and bring everything up to date.

### **Division Comments**

Grant first request		

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Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
2,000

The basis for the request

The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

My initial treasurer, Mrs. Lisa Bennett, had never done a campaign at all, but assured us that she was up for the challenge. Unfortunately, Mrs. Bennett rapidly became completely overwhelmed, and did not share this with us until she resigned as the treasurer of the campaign. She handled all mail, email, etc, and I was completely unaware of the fines racking up until she informed me,a week after her resignation. After regaining control of all of the accounts, and the key for the PO box, it took a little while to assess what needed to be done. Thankfully, my mother stepped in as my treasurer, and paid the fines. Our campaign had never done any fundraising, as you can see from all of the reports, as we did not want to owe anyone any favors, should I have won. There was a lot of nastiness surrounding this election, and we did not want ethics called in to question. The Democratic committee was not at all helpful, and told me to quit, as they wanted to put their own person in the election. Though we have tried to budget money to pay my mother back, as educators, my husband and I have both worked a few jobs, to keep up with our families needs, and have not been able to manage it. I am respectfully requesting waivers for the total of \$2000, so that we can put this awful situation behind us.

### General

Account Name	Marylanders for Freedom and Opportunity	
CCF ID:	13014937 <b>Status: Active</b>	
Date Established	9/06/22	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/03/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

### **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Bridget Otoole	<b>Start Date: 9/06/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Elizabeth Paul	9/06/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23		2/17/23	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		2/17/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/
				Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$3,300.00	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The committee states that this is a duplicate account and needs to be closed.	

### **Division Comments**

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Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision		

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
2000
The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
Our previous compliance team incorrectly created two entities in the system and failed to file the correct reports for all of them, all reports have been filed and we have terminated the committee now.
Print Name and Date:  * By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
Andrew Madras

### General

Account Name	Smith, Taiwan, (T.J.) Friends of		
CCF ID:	01013258 <b>Status: Active</b>		
Date Established	10/09/19		
Date Waiver Requested	5/30/23		
Account Type	Campaign Account		

### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Carlton Epps	Start Date: 10/09/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Taiwan Smith	10/09/19
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23		5/19/23	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
				Total: \$1000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Expenditures Cash Balance	
				Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$144	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The treasurer states he was being treated for medical issues at the time report was due.	

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Division Comments
Grant

Administrator's Decision		

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
1,000.00
The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
I was distracted because I was being treated for multiple myeloma during the reporting period and failed to report.
Print Name and Date:
By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
Carlton G Epps, Sr. May 27, 2023

### General

Account Name	Vogel Roitman, Joe Fi	Vogel Roitman, Joe Friends of		
CCF ID:	01013667	Status: Active		
Date Established	6/04/21			
Date Waiver Requested	5/03/23			
Account Type	Campaign Account			

### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Maya Guthman	<b>Start Date: 6/04/21</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Joseph Roitman	6/04/021
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23		2/02/023	\$435	\$435
			\$	\$
				Total: \$435.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
11/22/22	\$175	paid	N/A
10/28/22	\$80	paid	N/A

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$275	\$856	(\$2,324.00)	\$0
1, 10, 20	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The candidate states he was in Annapolis participating in the legislative session and did not receive the notice.

### **Division Comments**

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Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision		

Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
\$400
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The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
I was in Annapolis for the legislative session and did not receive notification to my old campaign office of the late fee. The late fee has since grown. I am happy to pay the original late fee, but request that the additional penalty be removed.
Print Name and Date: *
By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
Joseph Vogel

### General

Account Name	Lower Shore Progressi	ive Caucus PAC
CCF ID:	03013508	Status: Active
Date Established	8/17/20	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/30/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Lennart Elmlund	<b>Start Date: 3/24/23</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jared Schablein	8/14/20
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
2023 Annual Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
2022 Post General Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
2022 Pre-General 2 Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
2022 Pre-General 1 Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
2022 Pre-Primary 2 Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
2022 Pre-Primary 1 Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
2022 Annual Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
2021 Annual Audit		5/18/23	\$175	\$175
			Total	\$1,400.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$585.00	\$1,392.00	\$6,101.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The committee states they have worked diligently to amend reports that were flagged for an audit. They had to obtain records from the previous treasurer to correct reports.

### **Division Comments**

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 Iministrator's Decision

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
\$1,400 over 8 reports
The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
All the reports were timely filed by our treasurer, Karen Smith, who resigned at the end of March. We were unaware that the reports were incorrectly filed until we got notifications for all in April. We just recently were able to the obtained records from the previous treasurer in order to correct the errors flagged in our reports.
Over the last two weeks, we have worked diligently to amendment all improperly filed reports since the creation of the LSPC PAC. We would greatly appreciate it if all penalties assessed to the LSPC PAC could be waived.
Print Name and Date:  *  By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
Jared Schablein

### General

Account Name	Barksdale, Taurus Frie	Barksdale, Taurus Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013406	Status: Active	
Date Established	1/17/20		
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/23/23		
Account Type	Campaign Account		

### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Ibukun Alo	<b>Start Date: 1/17/20</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Taurus Barksdale	1/17/20
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23		2/02/23	\$435	\$435
			\$	
				Total: \$435.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
1/20/21	\$120	paid	Yes
1/19/22	\$1000	Waived	Yes

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/20/21	\$0	\$145	\$1328.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The committee states they thought they were finished filing.	

### **Division Comments**

Division comments
Deny
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Administrator's Decision		

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
435.00
The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
This late filing was due to a misunderstanding. A month before this filing was due I was communicating back and forth with the State Prosecutor regarding a fine the campaign had incurred. I resolved that issue with the State Prosecutor and also submitted a filing to the State Prosecutor. I thought things were finished as far as reports for the campaign. I did not realize that a report was due for January 2023. I was thrown off due to the communications I had with the State Prosecutor. When I realized a report was due I immediately filed the report.
This campaign has not raised any funds and has not been active. I have not communicated with my treasurer in over two years. I plan to close this campaign.
It would be greatly appreciated if you could waive this fine. This was an honest mistake and going forward I will make sure there are no more mistakes. Thank you.
Print Name and Date:  * By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
Taurus Barksdale May 18, 2023

### General

Account Name	Bird, Robert Friends of	
CCF ID:	01014063	Status: Active
Date Established	1/24/22	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/03/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jennifer Bird	<b>Start Date: 1/24/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Robert Bird	1/24/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23	Yes	1/30/23	\$315	\$315
11/22/22	Yes	4/27/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$1315.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$1000	paid	Yes
8/30/22	\$1000	paid	Yes

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavits	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The candidate	e states that	he didn	't realize	they stil	l had to	file after	the primary.

### **Division Comments**

Deny, history of noncompliance.		

Administrator's Decision		

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Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): \* Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.

- Spring Business Contribution Statement
- Fall Business Contribution Statement
- None Submitting MDCRIS

Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ \*

3315.00

The basis for the request

The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

i did not reallize after the primaries that i still had to file. Also never had a campaign bank account never received any contributions i live paycheck to paycheck i cant afford the fees and i deeply apologize

Print Name and Date:

By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.

Robert H Blrd

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### General

Account Name	Bostick, Christina J. Committee to Elect				
CCF ID:	01014495 Status: Inactive				
Date Established	3/22/22				
Date Waiver Requested	4/19/23				
Account Type	Campaign Account				

### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	James Bostick	<b>Start Date: 3/22/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Christina Bostick	3/22/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
11/22/22		6/09/23	\$1000	\$1000
1/18/23		6/09/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$1000	outstanding	yes
7/08/22	\$1000	paid	N/A
6/14/22	\$1000	paid	N/A
4/19/22	\$140	waived	N/A

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavits	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The candidate states that she was critically ill when the reports were due.	

### **Division Comments**

Deny, history of non-compl	iance.	

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.			
Spring Business Contribution Statement			
Fall Business Contribution Statement			
None - Submitting MDCRIS			
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *			
\$3,000.00			
The basis for the request *			
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).			
I was critically ill requiring hospitalization during the time that the reports were due.			
Print Name and Date:			
By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to			
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.  Christina Bostick			

### General

Account Name	Calvert County Democratic Central Committee		
CCF ID:	05007525 <b>Status: Active</b>		
Date Established	1/01/1901		
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/17/23		
Account Type	Party Central Committee Account		

### **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Collin Berglund	<b>Start Date: 5/19/23</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Cindy Yoe	5/23/23
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23		N/A	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
				Total: \$1000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
1/19/13	\$50	paid	No
1/16/08	\$40	paid	No

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/22/22	\$60.00	\$3185.00	\$5,590.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The committee states the chair failed to do the report.	

### **Division Comments**

Deny, the report has not been fi	led.
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Administrator's Decision		

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Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
\$1,000.00

The basis for the request

The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

The Calvert County Democratic Central Committee (CCDCC) is requesting a waiver of the fine for missing the Annual Campaign Report filing date. Duwane Rager, the Chair of the CCDCC, did not fulfill his duties as Chair after the election in November. I was the Treasurer until I resigned in August, 2022 and Sarah Hall, who took over the position, resigned in November, 2022. A new Treasurer, Collin Berglund, was elected in November but Duwane Rager, CCDCC Chair, did not register him to MDCRIS. Collin Berglund had never held this position before and was unaware that a report was due and he needed to file. The Chair never informed him of this process. Duwane Rager, CCDCC Chair, spent most of CCDCC money without Committee permission and did not provide the Committee with Treasurer's reports for several months. Duwane Rager has resigned as Chair on April 26, 2023 and the Committee discovered that we are four months behind in our rent to our landlord, four months behind in our phone/internet bill, and that the Annual Campaign Finance Report was not filed and we now owe a \$1,000 fine. We do not have the money to cover these debts or the fine for not filing the required Campaign Finance report. Our Vice Chair and currently acting Chair until our election later this month, Kara Dudley, is new to this Committee and as I had noted so is the Treasurer Colling Berglund. I am working with both to get the report filed quickly. The Calvert County Democratic Central Committee has never had any penalties for not filing the Campaign Finance Report and therefore I respectfully request a full waiver to help us as we work through this difficult time. Thank you.

### General

Account Name	Gebert, Carla Friends	Gebert, Carla Friends of	
CCF ID:	01014538	Status: Active	
Date Established	3/10/22		
Date Waiver Requested	4/11/23		
Account Type	Campaign Account	Campaign Account	

### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Cynthia McFarlane	<b>Start Date: 5/19/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Carla Gebert	3/10/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
10/28/22		11/29/22	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		11/29/22	\$140	\$140
1/18/23		3/03/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2140.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
4/19/22	\$1000	waived	N/A
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/
				Obligations
11/22/22	\$0	\$0	\$1.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### **Reason for Waiver**

The treasurer states the former chairman and treasurer left their positions she took over but was unclear about the process.

### **Division Comments**

Division Comments
Denied

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.	
Spring Business Contribution Statement	
Fall Business Contribution Statement	
None - Submitting MDCRIS	
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *	
\$2,140.00	
The basis for the request *	
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).	
Due to unforeseen circumstances Carla Gebert's initial choice for treasurer, chairman stepped away unexpectedly. I was asked mid game and agreed to take her place. Admittedly I have concluded that I agreed to a job that I was not prepared to handle which has led to some significant late fees. I am requesting that these late fees be waived as your records should indicate Ms. Gebert's campaign ran on a very limited budget and these late fees will impose a hardship on her due to my inability to do my job efficiently. Thank you in advance for consideration of my request. Regards, Cynthia McFarlane	
Print Name and Date: *	
By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.	
Cynthia McFarlane 4/4/2023	

#### General

Account Name	Hull, LeOtha N. for Bd of Education		
CCF ID:	01014314		
Date Established	2/18/22		
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	4/14/23		
Account Type	Campaign Account		

## **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jacquelyn Hull	<b>Start Date: 2/18/22</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Leothan Hull	2/18/22
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
11/22/22		4/14/23	\$1000	\$1000
1/18/23		4/14/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

## **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$245	outstanding	Yes
6/14/22	\$1000	outstanding	Yes

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

## **Reason for Waiver**

The committee states they filed an Affidavit for each report for the 2022 year as they have not raised any money, they were late in filing the last two reports and are requesting a waiver.

## **Division Comments**

Deny, history of non-compliance.	

# Late Fee Waiver Request Form

Maryland State Board of Elections – Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance P.O. Box 6486 • Annapolis, MD 21401-0486 410-269-2880 • 800-222-8683

Campaign Account Name: Hull	eOtha N. for Body Education	~
Account Number: 01014314	Date of Request: April 9, 2023	
Name of the Requestor(s)*: LeOtha	N. Hull	
The Requestor is the:	☐ Treasurer	APR
Waiver of late fees for the following Campa		R 1 4 2023
Total Amount of late fees: \$ 3,000.00		J
The basis for the request: Since the	e beginning of my candidacy	
	n for Dorchester County,	
	evit showing that I received	
no financial activity fo	r my campaign, I had no	
	ligations. No finance Was	
spent for my campaign, a	is Well as any contributions	4
and no expenditures. I	failed to file the last two	
Campaign Fund Reports a	is shown above; however the	
	ports. I wish to close this	
1 1	and all fees waived. Thank	
You for your understand I did not win the election	ling and waiver in this matter ion, but I am still blessed.	~
Le Otha M. Hull - Chairmo (Signature)	and Candidate - april 9, 2023	3
Instructions	For Board Use Only	
<ul><li>Please print clearly or type.</li><li>If you assert as the basis for the request that</li></ul>	Date Rcvd: Date Heard:	
you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties	Date Heard:	
could not file the report.	Verification:	
Please limit your request to this document only.  *Requests may only be made by the committee	Bd. Decision.	

Form Available online at www.elections.state.md.us

chairman, treasurer or candidate.

#### General

Account Name	Planned Parenthood Advocates for DC, Maryland & NoVa PAC	
CCF ID:	03013910	Status: Active
Date Established	11/23/21	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/31/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

#### **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Susan Nestler	<b>Start Date: 11/23/21</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jacqueline Ulman	11/23/21
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
2023 Annual Audit		5/22/22	\$315	\$315
2022 Post General Audit		5/22/22	\$315	\$315
2022 Pre-General 2 Audit		5/22/22	\$315	\$315
2022 Pre-General 1 Audit		5/22/22	\$315	\$315
2022 Pre-Primary 1 Audit		5/22/22	\$315	\$315
				Total: \$1,890.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

## **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		
	\$		

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$5,665.00	\$3,294.00	\$8,623.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

# **Reason for Waiver**

The committee states they received insufficient notice of the deficiency report.	The committee states they	received insufficient	notice of the defi	ciency report.
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## **Division Comments**

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Deny
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Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.		
Spring Business Contribution Statement		
Fall Business Contribution Statement		
✓ None - Submitting MDCRIS		
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *		
\$1890		

The basis for the request

The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

We are submitting this waiver of assessed late fees as we received insufficient notice of the deficiency report notices that we were told were sent by email to the Chairman and Treasurer. Both the Chairman and Treasurer did not receive the deficiency report letters that were said to have been emailed on April 10, 2023. The other person listed as an additional contact for our campaign account (Elizabeth Harned) has been out of the office on medical leave since the start of April, prior to April 10, 2023 and still remains out of the office in recovery. So, if any correspondence was sent to Elizabeth, that was not received as well. If we would have received the notices of deficiency on April 10, 2023 the amended reports would have been filed before the due date of May 10, 2023.

All report amendments have since been filed, as we were made aware of this issue on May 12, 2023 when the emails of the audit fee running late notice letters reached both the Chairman and the Treasurer. Due to us being unaware and given insufficient notice of these deficiency errors on our reports we were unable to amend them prior to the deadline of May 10, 2023. Thank you for your consideration of our waiver of late fees request.

#### General

Account Name	Supporters of Maryland Winegrowing PAC	
CCF ID:	03008434 <b>Status: Active</b>	
Date Established	1/12/10	
Date Waiver Requested	5/31/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

## **Officers**

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	N/A	Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer	William Layton	1/12/10
Current Chairman	Harry Sebert	1/12/10
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23		5/17/23	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
	-			Total: \$100.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

## **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
11/22/22	\$1000	outstanding	Yes
10/28/22	\$1000	outstanding	Yes
8/30/22	\$1000	outstanding	Yes

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

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Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$426.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

## **Reason for Waiver**

The committee states they filed a closeout report in 2022 but were not able to close because of a negative balance.

# **Division Comments**

Deny, history of non-compliance

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
1,000
The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
The PAC filed closeout paperwork in 2022, but because of a negative cash balance was moved to Inactive Status. The Notice of Inactive Status did not indicate that the PAC needed to file \$0 reports, and once the account was in Inactive status the Officer and Assistant Treasurer did not receive the usual notifications (hard copy or email) of the reporting deadlines. Additionally, Inactive Status is not outlined in the State Board of Elections Summary Guide, which is the usual go-to document for how PACs operate and what is involved procedurally. The PAC would absolutely have filed in a timely manner, otherwise, and as soon as it was made aware of the issue, filed immediately. Thank you for your consideration.
Print Name and Date:
By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to
the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
Richard Seibert, May 30, 2023

#### General

Account Name	Zittrauer, John Friends	Zittrauer, John Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013963	Status: Active	
Date Established	12/22/21		
Date Waiver Requested	5/31/23		
Account Type	Campaign Account		

## **Officers**

Current Treasurer	Nicholas Koumentakos	<b>Start Date: 12/22/21</b>
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	John Zittrauer	12/22/21
Responsible Chairman		

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
1/18/23		5/07/23	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		5/07/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

## **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$1000	outstanding	yes
8/30/22	\$140	outstanding	yes
1/19/22	\$40	paid	N/A

**Recent Financial Activity History** 

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1/10/23	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

## **Reason for Waiver**

The treasurer states that they were new to the process and made several mistakes in filing the report.

# **Division Comments**

Deny, history of non-compliance.	

Administrator's Decision		

Spring Business Contribution Statement  Fall Business Contribution Statement  None - Submitting MDCRIS  Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *  \$3,000  The basis for the request  *  The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).  Thank you for your consideration. Both the candidate and I were both entirely new to this process. After he lost the primary I filed the close out report because the account had been closed out and the balance was zero. I believed that this concluded any reporting requirements, however I did not realize that the close out had not been accepted. The email address used for this had been created only for this purpose so I was unaware of the missing filing dates. Once I realized the error I went in and finally figured out what was causing the issues, which took many hours, unfortunately again due to my inexperience with the reporting logistics and corrected and closed them out. As a single father with a special needs son and fine that I would be responsible for would cause a severe hardship for the family. I appreciate any help.  Print Name and Date:  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *	Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
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#### **MARYLAND**

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#### Memorandum

**TO:** State Board Members

**FROM:** Jared DeMarinis, Director

Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance

**DATE:** July 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Waiver of late filing fees – Persons Doing Public Business, Title 14 of the

Election Law Article

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by businesses that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each entity as well as the Agency's recommendation to the Board.

The Board should consider the following factors in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

- 1. Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
- 2. The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family; or
- 3. Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

#### § 14-107(c) Late Filing Fees

- (1) As provided in this subsection, the State Board may impose fees for late filing of:
  - (i) a statement required under § 14–104 of this title; or
  - (ii) an amended statement required under subsection (b) of this section.
- (2) The State Board may impose late filing fees in the same amounts and in the same manner as provided under § 13–331(a) and (b) of this article for late filing of campaign finance reports.
- (3) Late filing fees imposed under this subsection shall be distributed to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund.

Pursuant to COMAR 33.20.07.01C, the State Administrator has denied two late fee waiver request. No Board action is required on the denials.

Late fees collected year to date for Title 14 Late Fee Waivers are \$21,325.00.

7/12/2023

# Title 14 persons Doing Business Late Fee Waivers

- 1. Maryland Rooftop Solar Coalition
- 2. Odyssey Investment Partners, LLC

## Denied

- 1. Association of Air Conditioning Professionals Inc
- 2. Mahan Rykiel Associates

- 1. Midas Utilties, LLC
- 2. Chimes
- 3. Corman Kokosing Contracting Company
- 4. FCR Enterprises, Inc
- 5. HGA Architects and Engineers
- 6. Kiewit Infrastrure South Co.
- 7. P & J Contracting Company Inc.
- 8. Simpsons of Maryland, Inc
- 9. TimeClock Plus, Inc

# **Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees**

# General

Account Name	Maryland Rooftop Solar Coalition
BID ID:	14001683
Date Established	4/08/22
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/31/23
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

# **Officers**

Current Filer	Ed Merrick	Start Date: 4/08/22
Principal Officer	Ed Merrick	Start Date: 4/08/22

**Waiver Request Dates** 

waiver Request Dates					
Late Report	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>		
11/30/22	5/30/23	\$1000	\$1000		
5/31/22	5/30/22	\$1000	\$1000		
			Total: \$1000.00		

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

# **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

# Reason for Waiver

The business states that because of the new law they were required to file, they backdated report
to when they first hired a lobbyist and were charged the \$2000 fee.

Agen	cy Comments			
Grant				
Grant				

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS

Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ \*

Exact amount of late fees unknown. Amount given from representative was approx. \$2000.

The basis for the request

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The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

Due to the recent change in law in October 2022 requiring persons providing a lobbyist contribution of \$500 or more in a reporting period to be mandated to file a Statement of Contributions, Maryland Rooftop Solar Coalition, Inc. needs to file a report for Spring 2023. When doing so, we were instructed by representative, Ebony Parran, to file previous reports back dated to when we hired our lobbyist, in April 2022 and that we would be charged approximately \$2000 for late fees. At this time, Maryland Rooftop Solar Coalition has not made any political contributions (in 2022/2023) and under previous law, we were of the understanding that we were up to date on all mandated disclosures as we had not made any political contributions. To ensure compliance, we have backdated our filing to the time of when we hired our lobbyist and submitted contribution disclosure statements (\$0) for each timeframe (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023). An questions, please contact us at info@marylandrooftopsolarcoalition.org or Chelsea.farrell@trinity-solar.com. Moving forward, we will file the bi-annual report accordingly. Thank you for your time.

Print Name and Date:

\*

By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.

Chelsea Farrell

# **Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees**

## General

Account Name	Odyssey Investment Partners, LLC		
BID ID:	14001277		
Date Established	2/14/22		
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/17/23		
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business		

## Officers

Current Filer	Vivian Hadis	Start Date: 2/14/22
Principal Officer	Vivian Hadis	Start Date: 2/14/22

# **Waiver Request Dates**

waiver request Dates				
Late Report	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>	
11/30/22	N/A	\$1000	\$1000	
11/30/21		\$1000	\$1000	
6/01/21		\$1000	\$1000	
11/30/20		\$1000	\$1000	
5/31/20		\$1000	\$1000	
11/30/19		\$1000	\$1000	
5/31/19		\$500	\$500	
11/30/18		\$500	\$500	
5/31/18		\$500	\$500	
11/30/17		\$500	\$500	
5/31/17		\$500	\$500	
11/30/16		\$500	\$500	
5/31/16		\$500	\$500	
11/30/15		\$500	\$500	
5/31/15		\$500	\$500	
8/31/15		\$500	\$500	
2/05/15		\$500	\$500	
		Total	11,000.00	

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

## **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
	\$		

## **Reason for Waiver**

The business was informed by MCERS of the obligation to file disclosure reports, they missed the 11/30/22 filing which has resulted in a penalty. Going forward they have taken steps to assure a timely filing.

Agency Comments		
Reduce to \$5000		
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Waiver of late fees for the following Business Con Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that app	
Spring Business Contribution Statement	
Fall Business Contribution Statement	
None - Submitting MDCRIS	
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *	
11,000	
The basis for the request	*
The request must provide just cause for the waive	r of the late fee(s).
We would like to appeal a previous decision on our fee verification request for all other missed past filings. At the time of the missing filings, which the filer has since completed. We filer deserves consideration for a waiver/reduction of laprevious periods.	the initial request, the filer had yet to complete the have submitted a letter outlining why we believe the
Print Name and Date:	*
By printing your name below, you certify that the ir the best of your knowledge and under the penaltie	•
Hunter Moss	

# **Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees**

#### General

Account Name	Association of Air Conditioning Professionals Inc
BID ID:	14001491
Date Established	05/01/22
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	4/19/23
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

## **Officers**

Current Filer	Peter Gus Constantinou	Start Date: 5/01/22
Principal Officer	Peter Gus Constantinou	Start Date: 5/01/22

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Walter Request Bates				
Late Report	<b>Date Received</b>	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>	
11/30/22	12/21/22	\$735	\$735	
		\$	\$	
			Total: \$735.00	

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

#### **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

## **Reason for Waiver**

The business stated that the preview report included what was deemed false information, and as we did not want to commit perjury, we did not submit the report. When speaking with SBE staff we were told that the preview was a template not specific to our filing.

Deny			

Waiver of late fees for the following Business Contribution Disclosure Statement Report (s): * Check the Business Disclosure Report(s) that apply.
Spring Business Contribution Statement
Fall Business Contribution Statement
None - Submitting MDCRIS
Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *
735.00
The basis for the request *
The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).
The Preview report included what we deemed was false information to which we did not want to commit perjury. It was not until December when SBOE staff informed us that the Preview was a template - NOT specific to our report filing. This was separate from the lack of a drop-down menu at the time we were requested to submit the filing.
Print Name and Date:
By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.
Peter Constantinoy 4/18/2023

# **Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees**

# General

Account Name Mahan Rykiel Associates	
BID ID:	14000545
Date Established	8/01/15
Date Waiver Requested	6/26/23
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

# **Officers**

Current Filer	Tess Larichiuta	Start Date: 6/26/23	
Principal Officer	Tess Larichiuta	Start Date: 6/26/23	

**Waiver Request Dates** 

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	<b>Total Fees</b>
5/31/23	6/26/23	\$1000	\$1000
		\$	\$
			Total: \$1000.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

# **Prior Waiver and Fees**

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
5/31/17	\$10	paid	N/A

# Reason for Waiver

The business states they ha	ld marked their	calendar with	h the wrong	date, they	are confident	that al
future reports will be filed	promptly.					

Deny			





June 26, 2023

State Board of Elections P. O. Box 6486 Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Contribution Disclosure Statement

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to ask you if you would be kind enough to consider abating a penalty that will be imposed on Mahan Rykiel Associates for missing the deadline for filing our Contribution Disclosure.

Since, 2017 I have been filing these reports and for some reason I missed the email that was sent on May 31, 2023 reminding me of the deadline. I had thought the deadline was 6/30/2023 and had written it on my calendar to file before the deadline. However, I had the incorrect date.

I have since changed our contact information to Tess M. Larichiuta, our new Controller. I am confident in the future that Tess will file these reports in a timely manner.

Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Very truly yours,

MAHAN RYKIEL ASSOCIATES, INC.

Mary Catherine Snellinger,

Vice President/CFO