

**OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE
BUSINESS REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	Administrative Proceeding
FREE PRESS ACTION FUND)	Number: <u>C-06-0506</u>
40 Main Street, Suite 301)	
Florence, Massachusetts 01062)	
)	
<i>Respondent</i>)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I.

The Business Regulation and Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Secretary of State (“Division”) having the authority to administer and to provide for the enforcement of all provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act (the “Act”), and Respondent does hereby enter into this Consent Agreement in resolution of the following allegations by the Division of violations of certain provisions of the Act:

1. Respondent is a “charitable organization” as defined in the Act. Miss. Code Ann. § 79-11-501(a)(i) (2001);
2. On November 30, 2005, Respondent registered with the Division;
3. On November 30, 2006, Respondent’s registration expired with the Division because Respondent failed to submit a complete renewal registration package by that date;
4. Because Respondent failed to submit a complete renewal registration package by November 30, 2006, the Division issued a Notice of Intent to Deny Registration to Respondent. In that Order, Respondent was given the opportunity to request an administrative hearing;
5. Since Respondent failed to request an administrative hearing or respond in any other manner, the Division issued a Final Order Denying Registration in May 2007.

6. On July 30, 2007, Respondent submitted a complete renewal package to the Division, along with documentation that it has not solicited contributions in the State of Mississippi since its registration expired.

II.

Respondent, under the terms of this Consent Agreement and solely for the purpose of resolving the foregoing allegations, stipulates without a hearing to the matters set forth above in Paragraph I and hereby consents to the issuance of this Consent Agreement and further consents to and agrees to the undertakings contained herein, with no formal administrative hearing and determination of wrongdoing. Furthermore, the undersigned agent for the Respondent acknowledges that she/he has been lawfully vested with the authority to enter into this Consent Agreement on behalf of the Respondent.

III.

THEREFORE, in consideration of a final resolution of the matters set forth herein, the Division and Respondent hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

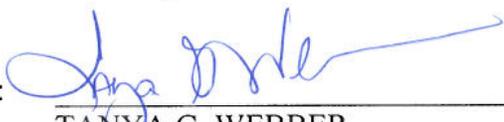
1. Respondent stipulates to the jurisdiction of the Division as to all matters contained herein under the authority of the Act and acknowledges that the issuance of this Consent Agreement is solely for the purpose of resolving the matters set forth herein.
2. The Division shall impose a penalty upon the Respondent in the amount of ~~\$2,500.00~~ \$1,500.00. Respondent shall remit payment to the Division, payable to the "Mississippi Secretary of State" upon execution of this Agreement.
3. Once the Division has received the signed consent agreement and penalty, the Division will then issue an Order Lifting the Final Order Denying Registration and will re-register Respondent.
4. This Consent Agreement is in resolution of the matters contained herein. As a result of this Consent Agreement, the matters contained herein cannot be used as a basis for action by the Division except in determining any penalty as may be imposed by the Division for any future violations of the Act committed by the Respondent and as set forth below.

5. Respondent agrees that it will comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act as currently in effect or as may be subsequently amended.

IV.

In the event Respondent fails or neglects to comply with any of the terms, stipulations or undertakings set forth in this Consent Agreement, the Division may, without notice to the Respondent, unilaterally rescind this Agreement and institute any legal or administrative proceedings it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, proceedings to address the matters set forth herein.

ERIC CLARK
Secretary of State

By: 

TANYA G. WEBBER
Legal Division Director

Date: 8/20/07

Free Press Action Fund

By: 

Sign Name
Print Name: KIMBERLY LINGO

Title: MANAGING DIRECTOR

Date: 8/23/2007