



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ETHICS COMMISSION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lee Slater, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission, issued the following statement today regarding the settlement agreement between the Commission and Stand for Children, Inc.

“The action taken today reflects the Commission’s desire to encourage voluntary compliance with all the Ethics Rules, whether they relate to campaign finance, lobbyist regulation, conflict of interest or financial disclosure.

“The negotiated fine was lower than it might otherwise have been because the Respondent’s conduct was neither willful nor intentional and the Respondent forthrightly admitted its violations and immediately took steps to correct them. The Respondent’s cooperation avoided the needless expense of litigation for both the Respondent and the taxpayers.

“The Commission will continue to emphasize transparency. We will continue to focus on compliance over punishment. Toward that end, we will continue to offer continuing education programs for those who are affected by the Ethics Rules.

“In this case, the Respondent has been appropriately conciliatory and has indicated a willingness to be in compliance with the Ethics Rules. Others who choose to deliberately violate the Rules should not expect to be dealt with so leniently.”

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