

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY

540 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207

IN THE MATTER OF
WILLIAM HOWARD,
FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
HOMELAND SECURITY

DISPOSITION AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement between the New York State Commission on Public Integrity ("Commission") and William Howard ("Howard"), former Assistant Secretary for Homeland Security, shall be considered the final disposition of the allegation of violation of Public Officers Law §§74(3)(h) described in the Notice of Reasonable Cause ("Notice") issued by the Commission in The Matter of an Investigation Into the Alleged Misuse of Resources of the Division of State Police.

2. In consideration of the Commission's agreement not to proceed further with enforcement proceedings, Howard admits to violating Public Officers Law §74(3)(h), in that he did not endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which would not raise suspicion that he was likely to be engaged in acts in violation of his public trust, when he requested the State Police to gather information and create documents concerning the travel of Senator Joseph Bruno in accordance with the instructions he received from Darren Dopp, Communications Director for the Executive Chamber. Execution of this Agreement shall terminate enforcement proceedings.

3. Howard agrees that he will, in all respects, abide by the terms of Public Officers Law §73(8)(a)(i) and (ii).

4. Howard agrees that neither he nor his agent will issue any public statement, directly or indirectly denying the factual allegations in the Notice or creating the impression that the Notice is without factual basis.

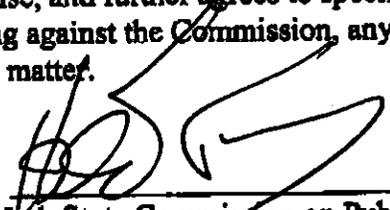
5. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement is not confidential, and that the Commission reserves the right to make public the Agreement and its terms.

6. If Howard violates any of the terms of this Agreement, the Commission may declare this Agreement null and void and proceed to a hearing as if the Agreement had not been executed.

7. Once executed and delivered by both parties, the provisions of this Agreement shall constitute a legally binding agreement between the Commission and Howard. This Agreement may not be amended by either party, except by a writing duly executed and delivered by both parties hereto.

8. Howard waives any and all legal rights to challenge this final action and disposition in any proceeding judicial or otherwise, and further agrees to specifically refrain from commencing a CPLR Article 78 proceeding against the Commission, any State officer or employee or any public body based upon this matter.


William Howard 6-18-08
Date:


New York State Commission on Public Integrity
By: Herbert Teitelbaum
Date: 6-25-08