

## Cook, Scott

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**From:** Christopher Fudacz <chrisfudacz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:26 PM  
**To:** Cook, Scott  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Erroneous Yard Sign, & Postcards Mailed to Public

Scott,

Thank you for clarifying. Violation #1 involves the same postcards that were mailed. Some of these postcards were taped to mailboxes, with only one side of the postcard being presented. The 'paid for by' information was on the back of these postcards and not visible unless they were removed, which a few of them were prior to our removal of them. All of the postcards that were taped to mailboxes have been removed as of 12:24pm on 4/19 by members of our committee. We will not post anything like this moving forward that does not have the full 'paid for by', treasurer and address information of our committee. If this does not remedy the issue, please let me know what else can be done.

Thank you,  
Chris

On Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 11:01 AM Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)> wrote:

Chris,

Thanks for reaching out. COPP confirms attribution deficiency was self-reported for campaign postcards and campaign yard signs, and has noted that in dismissing 'Violation #2' and 'Violation #3'. However, the Commissioner has accepted 'Violation #1', as the unattributed material referenced there appears to be separate from the postcards and yard signs previously addressed. For that reason, COPP requires attribution remedy as described in the Commissioner's letter be provided for that specific material.

Please call with any additional questions- happy to discuss the complaint, attribution remedy, etc. (406) 444-4627.

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**From:** Christopher Fudacz <[chrisfudacz@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfudacz@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:49 AM  
**To:** Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Erroneous Yard Sign, & Postcards Mailed to Public

Hi Scott,

Regarding COPP-2023-CFP-003, this is the email I sent yesterday to the 'CPP help' general e-mail. If there is anything else we can be doing to resolve this issue, please let me know.

Thanks,

Chris

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**From:** Christopher Fudacz <[chrisfudacz@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfudacz@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 12:51 PM  
**Subject:** Erroneous Yard Sign, & Postcards Mailed to Public  
**To:** <[cpphelp@mt.gov](mailto:cpphelp@mt.gov)>

Good Morning,

My name is Chris Fudacz with the Smarter Monforton Growth incidental committee.

We discovered an unintentional omission in material we had made. This omission was on yard signs, and also on printed material that was mailed to voters in School District 27 last week. Sometime between Friday (4/14) and Monday (4/18), active voters should have received 2,587 of the attached 'Initial Erroneous Postcards' that did not have our treasurer's information on it. Smarter Monforton Growth is a new committee that was organized in a short time frame and we were unaware that we needed to have our treasurer's information included on this material and it was a mistake. I have attached the 'Amended Postcard', which is what should have been sent out.

We also made 100 yard signs with this same mistake. We are having everyone that we distributed signs to add our treasurer's name (Michael Nelson, Treasurer) to them. I alerted them to do this as soon as we found out that there was this omission, which most of them have already done. We are making all reasonable efforts to correct this, and sincerely apologize for our oversight.

We have not distributed anything since we learned of the mistake (4/16), and will not distribute anything that does not have our treasurer's name on it moving forward.

Please let me know if there is anything else we can be doing.

Thank you,

Chris Fudacz

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