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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:51 AM  
**To:** Cook, Scott  
**Cc:** moffiefunk@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: New Complaint Received by COPP- Leas v. Armstrong, COPP-2024-CFP-008

To Commissioner Gallus,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the complaint filed against me.

I submitted my declaration of intent for candidacy on March 7 to the district. I left Helena March 9 and the US March 11 on a long planned trip. I thought I had conveyed instructions, it is now clear that I failed to communicate that I needed to register with your office as well.

At the end of March/beginning of April my phone bricked while traveling causing me to lose all communication. It took 2 weeks for me to receive a new phone after giving my other phone time to dry out. Thus I was unaware of the situation until last week. I am under a french sim card, unable to connect using my Verizon one so it took a week to regain access to most of my emails and apps as I cannot be texted for verification. I now have access to my personal and school board emails. I am returning to Minneapolis 21 May for my daughter's graduation and will be back in Helena Memorial Day so until that point I can be reached electronically.

I want to thank CoPP for alerting the school district that my C1A still needed to be filed. This omission was corrected on 10 April. I am grateful for the excellent work the CoPP does to ensure that candidates have their in paperwork in on order.

Respectfully,

Janet Armstrong

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Sent: April 15, 2024 at 1:14 PM MDT  
Subject: New Complaint Received by COPP- Leas v. Armstrong, COPP-2024-CFP-008

Janet,

Please see the attached copy of *Leas v. Armstrong*, COPP-2024-CFP-008, a formal Complaint alleging violation of Montana election law under the Commissioner's jurisdiction received by COPP and accepted for initial review by Commissioner Gallus. A letter from Commissioner Gallus outlining the formal Complaint process and requesting you provide a written response to the specific allegations presented is also included. Hard copy (paper) versions of these documents can be sent to you via U.S. Mail as well upon request. The complaint will be publicly posted to COPP's

website tomorrow (Tuesday, April 16, 2024). Please feel free to contact myself, Commissioner Gallus, or COPP's agency attorney Shelley Hendricksen-Scott with questions about COPP's formal Complaint process.

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