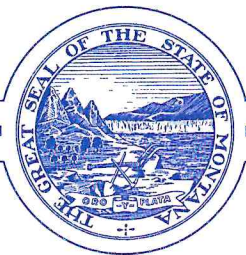


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Subject: Complaints received October 27, 2023; *Burke v. Unknown 1, COPP-2023-CFP-020* and *Burke v. Unknown 2, COPP-2023-CFP-021*

Christopher,

I hope you are well. This letter acknowledges the receipt of your formal attribution complaints, received by this Office on October 27, 2023.

Each complaint alleges violation of Montana's 'paid for by' attribution requirements, which fall under my jurisdiction under Montana Code Annotated (MCA) Title 13, Chapter 35. I have also determined that each conforms to the basic requirements of 44.11.106 ARM. Basically, you have met the requirement that a written notarized complaint within the jurisdiction of COPP was delivered to the agency. Consequently, this Office will make reasonable measures to contact each unknown respondent, specifically by sending a letter notifying them of the attribution complaint and a copy of the relevant complaint to the Post Office box included on the unattributed material. Please note that, as formal attribution complaints, should this Office make contact with each unknown respondent, we will work with them to bring unattributed material into compliance in the time and manner provided under MCA §13-35-225(5) and (6).

If an investigation is conducted, a summary of facts and statement of findings will be prepared, and a copy will be sent to you. This generally forms the basis as to whether the matter is going to be pursued further, which then involves referring the matter to the local county attorney. Any candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee who fails to bring unattributed material into compliance as required is subject to a civil penalty pursuant to MCA §13-37-128.

Regards,

/s/ Chris J. Gallus

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