

THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

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Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name: Spenser Meswin
Complete Mailing Address: PO Box 435, Helena, MT 59624
Phone Numbers: (406) 640-4385

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name: Mike Conroy For Governor
Complete Mailing Address: PO Box 1825, Helena, MT 59624
Phone Numbers:

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Missoula

I, Spenser Meswin, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

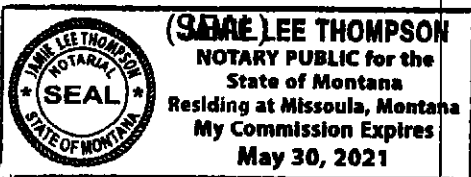
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Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of October, 2020.

[Signature]

Notary Public



My Commission Expires:

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Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

See attached

Complaints must be:

- **signed**
- **notarized**
- **delivered in person or by mail.**



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Mr. Jeff Mangan
Commissioner of Political Practices
1209 8th Ave
Helena, MT 59620-2401

Commissioner Mangan,

I write to file this formal complaint against the Mike Cooney for Governor campaign alleging violations of § MCA 13-37-226 and ARM 44.11.302, following a missed deadline when filing campaign finance reports.

Overview

Candidates are required to submit timely campaign finance reports when running for Statewide office in Montana. The Mike Cooney for Governor campaign needed to file a report detailing activity between September 16th to October 14th by October 20th, however, as of October 21st at 9:30 am, that report was neither posted electronically nor available via hardcopy as required by law.

Complaint Summary

The Mike Cooney for Governor campaign knowingly and intentionally violated the provisions of Montana law referenced above by not filing a timely campaign finance report. This violation represents yet another incident for the Mike Cooney for Governor campaign during the 2020 election in which the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices already issued two violations against the campaign for failure to abide by Montana law.

Key Facts and Allegations:

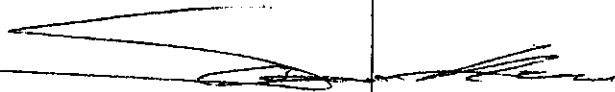
1. Campaign finance reports for the period beginning on September 16th and ending on October 14th required filing by October 20th.
2. It is undisputable that the Mike Cooney for Governor made expenditures and received contributions between September 16th and October 14th.
3. The Mike Cooney for Governor campaign failed to file a timely report by October 20th.

Actions Requested of the Commissioner to Remedy this Situation

I am requesting that the Commissioner of Political Practices, in accordance with all relevant laws, rules, and procedures, investigate and remedy the allegations contained in this complaint:

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spenser Merwin', written over a horizontal line.

Spenser Merwin
Executive Director
Montana Republican Party