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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

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

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name: John Ward
Complete Mailing Address: 4553 Pothole Dr. Helena, MT 59602
Phone Numbers: Work Home

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

Complete Name: ED BUTCHER & LOUISE BERGSTROM
Complete Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 89 WINIFRAD, MT P.O. BOX 1084 LEWIS TOWN, MT
Phone Numbers: Work Home

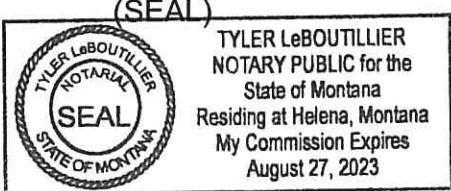
Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of LEWIS & CLARK

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

Signature of Complainant (handwritten signature)



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

Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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.

I am bringing this campaign finance complaint against Ed Butcher and Lonnie Bergstrom. Ed Butcher's address is PO Box 89, Winifred, MT 59489. Lonnie Bergstrom's address is PO Box 1084, Lewistown, MT 59457.

Ed Butcher and Lonnie Bergstrom have violated Montana law by failing to register as a political committee and by failing to file C-6 forms as required by Montana law. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Bergstrom have violated 13-37-201, 13-37-208, 13-37-225, 13-37-226, 13-37-228, and 13-37-229.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Bergstrom have been spending time and money in a campaign effort to target certain Republican candidates in the upcoming Republican primary. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Bergstrom have been traveling the state and spending time and money on this campaign effort. See the post by Cindy Hamilton. They have been to Eastern Montana where the photo from Conservatives for Richland County was taken, Ravalli County, Kalispell, and Bozeman.

As is shown in the photo from the Eastern Montana event shows, Butcher and Bergstrom are advocating for and against certain candidates. Because they are advocating for and against candidates, they have formed a PAC and must file a C-2 and C-6 forms with the Commissioner.

Complaints must be:

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

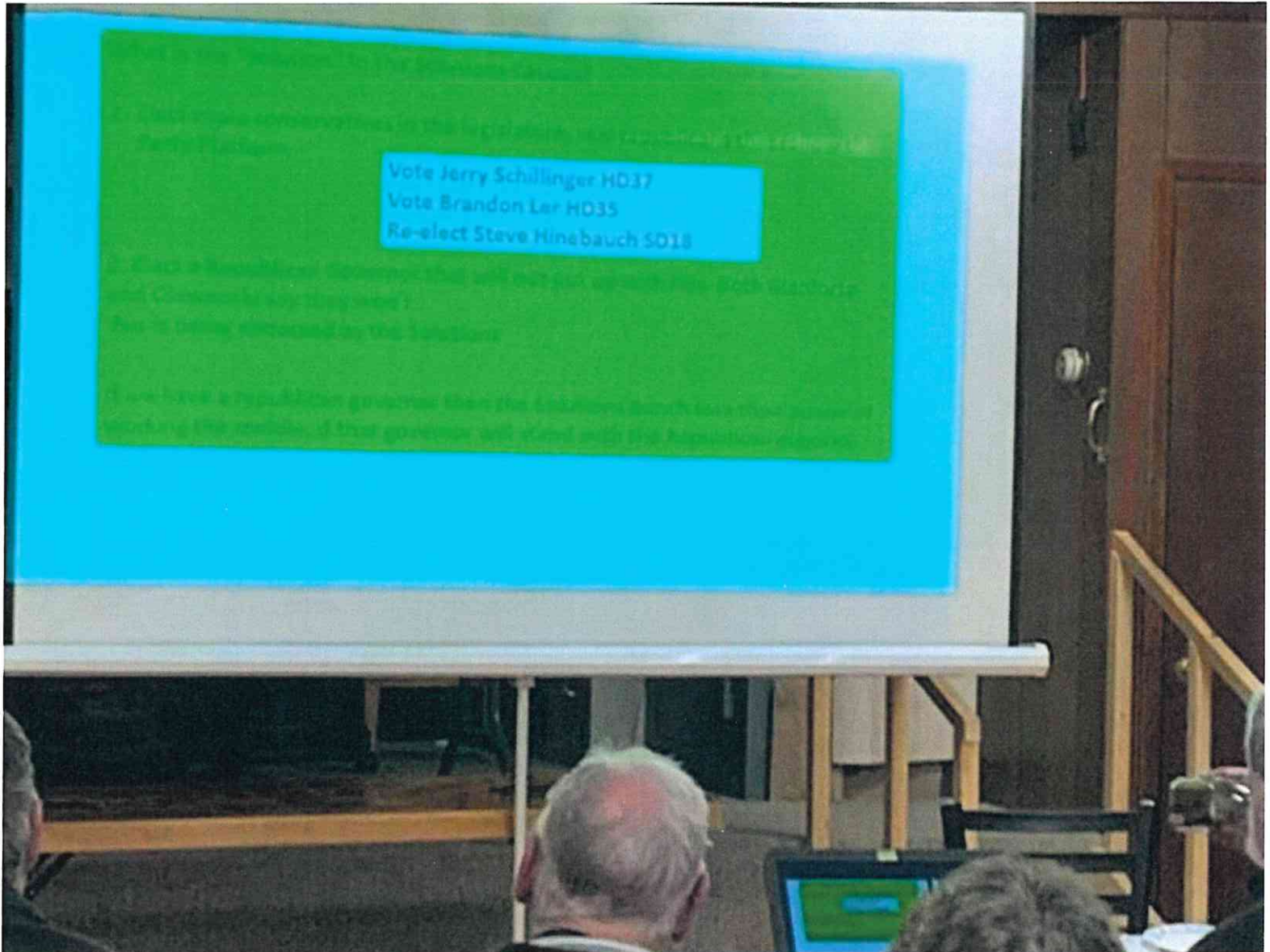


Conservatives for Richland County MT



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Here's who Legistats thinks you should vote for (notice the white square).



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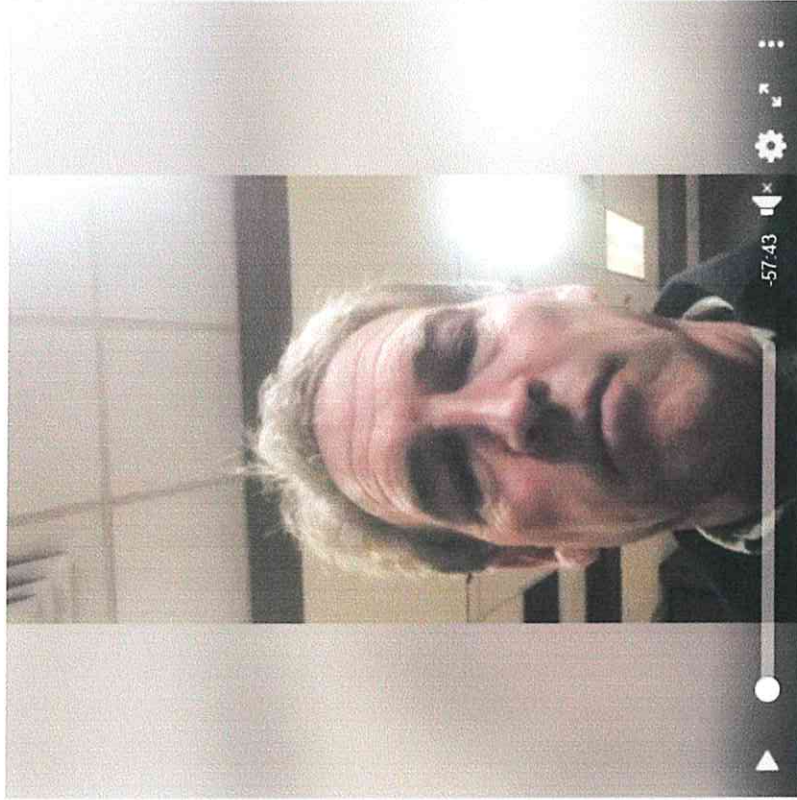


Cindi Hamilton shared a live video.

Yesterday at 12:17 PM

Ed Butcher and Lonny Bergstrom gave their "Draining the Helena Swamp" presentation in Kalispell today. I sure hope many minds were educated and transformed, as they should be!

Ed and Lonny do this on their own time, own gas, own hotels, etc. Such a valuable thing they do! If you want to contribute to saving Montana from the liberal invasion, there is hardly a better place to contribute.



182 Views

Mark French was live Yesterday at 11:24 AM

Red Lion Kalispell. Women's Republicans. Senator Ed Butcher 'Drain The Helena Swamp'

Gallatin County Republican Central Committee
February 18, 2020

Members present: Phil Olson, Randy Chamberlin, Don Seifert, Debbie Moran, Jennifer Carlson, Klaas Tuininga, Rick Vaught, John & Debbie Youngberg, Robin Thomas, Bruce Grubbs, Art Wittich, Lauri Olson, Matt Monforton.

Officers: Kyndall Hinkle, Kim Buchanan, Parker McLomb, Carol Gruetter,

Guests: Ed Butchter, Rebecca Finn, Bill Gillin, Alan George, Bob Wagner, Levi Bloomer, Walt Sales, Kimi Monforton, Cindy & Lonny Bergstrom, Jane Gillette, Ross Butcher, Russ Olsen, Mary Pham, Nick Allergto, Jedediah Hinkle, Keithen Legg, Gary & Lisa Perry, Morgan Kelly, Charee Winc, Corrie Meza, Holly Michels, Kerry White, Caleb Hinkle, Dyann O'Brian

The meeting was opened at 6 PM by Chairwoman Kyndall Hinkle. Precinct Committeeman Phil Olson led us in the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

Treasurer Kimm Buchannan reported that we have \$19,814.79 in our account.

Unfinished business:

2020 Action Plan. A. *Get out the Vote/Engagement Campaign.* We discussed our Dinner and what we wanted to do since we were not having our regular LRT dinner. Some suggested a speed campaign and some were not in favor. Some suggested a speaker(s) with questions afterwards. Some suggested an ice cream social and others free hamburgers and hot dogs so they could mingle and meet the candidates with the idea to educate our constituents on what we stand for and who is running to represent us. Debbie Moran & Carol Gruetter are chairing the committee for this event for April 18, 2020.

Fundraising: We discussed sending a fundraising letter to our Republican supporters. We also discussed a 20 in 20 raffle where we'd have 20 items with a couple being really nice and the rest just good things. This raffle would begin at our Engagement Campaign and the drawing would be at our Fall Roundup.

New Business: Legistat Presentation. Ed Butcher and Lonny Bergstrom did the presentation which showed us that there are a group of Republicans that are voting with the Democrats in Helena over 30% of the time and some 50%. This is only for information so we can be aware of where some of our Representatives and Senators stand and how they vote. Then if we have questions about some of the bills they voted on we can approach them and ask why they voted the way they did. They may have a good reason we don't know about. It's a way for us to become more involved in our Government. For voting records on all the Republican legislators go to www.legislatorloyalty.com

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Klaas Tuininga, secretary



RAVALLI COUNTY REPUBLICANS



Did you know your legislators – Nancy Ballance and David Bedey – were principle members of the minority of Republican legislators assisting the Democrat legislators to pass Governor Bullock's big government agenda?

During the 2019 legislative session, Rep.'s Nancy Ballance and David Bedey were members of a splinter group of liberal Republicans forming the "Democrat Wing" of the Legislative Republican caucus. They joined with the Democrat legislators in opposition to a majority of their fellow Republican members.

Rep.'s Ballance and Bedey were Rep. Uew Jones's (leader of the "Democrat Wing" of the Republican legislators) loyal followers in sabotaging their fellow Republican majority in the Legislature.

To review the history of Rep.'s Ballance and Bedey supporting the Democrat efforts to increase taxes and fees on Montana citizens during their legislative term see their complete records on the Legistats website at www.legistatorloyalty.com. This is a computer analysis of Republican votes on **only** politically partisan bills which identifies Republican legislators who help the Democrat minority pass their legislative agenda.

In helping pass partisan Democrat bills, Rep. Ballance voted against her fellow Republican majority 219 times to support Democrats 37% of the time regarding the 610 partisan votes at one of the top 10 members of the "Democrat Wing" of the Republican legislative caucus promoting Bullock's agenda.

Rep. Bedey voted against his fellow Republican majority 192 times to support Democrats 32% of the time regarding the 610 partisan votes as a member of the "Democrat Wing" of the Republican legislative caucus supporting the Democrat agenda. This contrasts with Republican House Leaders who averaged only 5% support of Democrat Partisan Bills.

During recent legislative sessions these cross-over legislators have been a growing problem for the majority of mainstream Republican legislators. In recent years, Uew Jones has been helping the Democrat Party recruit liberals (like Nancy Ballance and David Bedey) to file as Republicans in several Conservative Republican Montana legislative districts like Ravalli County.

Unfortunately Rep. Ballance shifted to the "left" from her original election as a TEA PARTY supporter. "California Nancy" seems to be reverting to her "California Roots." Ballance and Bedey's votes passed Medicaid Expansion (health care for able-bodied, childless, adults) in opposition to Ravalli Co. voters who rejected it by a 60% margin (Republican voters would have represented over 90% of that total!

Ravalli County has a history of strong conservative Republican representation with outstanding legislators like Theresa Marzella, Jason Ellsworth, Ray Hawk, and Bob Lake—Montana needs more legislators of this caliber.

Montana Republicans would like to have Ravalli County send smaller government Republicans to replace Nancy Ballance and David Bedey in the Montana Legislature—Let the Democrats run their own candidates.



Paid for by a concerned Montana citizen,
Sen. Ed Butcher (R)—Winifred, Montana

