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Good morning,

Please see our attached response to Nielson V Montana Conservation Voters Action Fund. We're looking forward to getting this issue resolved, and putting processes in place to prevent it from happening again.

Thanks, and happy holidays.

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December 22, 2021

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Commissioner Mangan,

After receiving your letter notifying us about the above captioned complaint alleging violations of Montana's campaign reporting and disclosure laws, we conducted a review of our campaign finance filings covering the 2021 General Election.

As part of that review, we discovered that certain independent expenditures, conducted by Montana Conservation Voters Action Fund, were not timely reported. Accordingly, we reached out to your office, and spoke with Kimberly Trujillo, receiving instructions on how to submit the past due reports.

Pursuant to those instructions, we submitted two type C6 reports through the Montana Campaign Electronic Reporting System, covering all relevant activity. Further, we have instituted internal processes to ensure that future reports to your office will be filed timely and accurately, to prevent these disclosure issues from occurring again.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jake Brown, Political Director
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