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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 Matt Regier
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 9763, Kalispell, MT 59901
Phone Numbers: Work 406-253-3293 Home _____

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

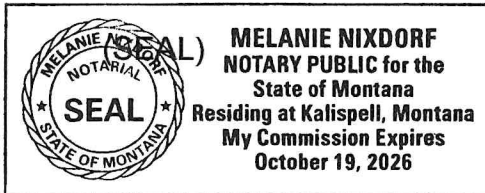
Complete Name Montana DSA
Complete Mailing Address 216 E Central Ave.
Missoula, MT 59801
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home _____

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 Flathead

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



Matthew Regier
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of November, 2022.

Melanie Nixdorf
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/19/2026

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.

Commissioner Mangan,

Statement of Facts

Violation #1:

On Sunday October 16, 2022, Montana DSA paid for text messaging opposing ballot issue LR-131 (See Exhibit #1). According to MCA 13-35-225 (b) (see below) failed to disclose the name of the treasurer and the address of the committee. This is a violation that election materials not be anonymous. This text has already been published and distributed.

(b) for election communications, electioneering communications, or independent expenditures financed by a political committee or a joint fundraising committee, the name of the committee, the name of the committee treasurer, deputy treasurer, secretary, vice chairperson, or chairperson, as designated pursuant to **13-37-201(2)(b)**, and the address of the committee or the named committee officer; and

Violation #2:

Montana DSA failed to report (See Exhibit #2) according to MCA 13-37-229 must disclose the following information concerning contributions received.

(a) the amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period;

(b) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and employer, if any, of each person who has made aggregate contributions, other than loans, of \$50 or more to a candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee, including the purchase of tickets and other items for events, such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events. If a contribution is made by a joint fundraising committee to a participant in the joint fundraising committee, the participant shall disclose the information in this subsection (1)(b) for each contributor of the funds allocated to the participant by the joint fundraising committee.

(c) for each person identified under subsection (1)(b), the aggregate amount of contributions made by that person within the reporting period and the total amount of contributions made by that person for all reporting periods;

(d) the total sum of individual contributions made to or for a political committee, candidate, or joint fundraising committee and not reported under subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c);

(e) the name and address of each political committee, candidate, or joint fundraising committee from which the reporting committee or candidate received any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;

(f) each loan from any person during the reporting period, together with the full names, mailing addresses, occupations, and employers, if any, of the lender and endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;

(g) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed to a political committee, candidate, or joint fundraising committee in the form prescribed by the commissioner;

(h) an itemized account of proceeds that total less than \$50 from a person from mass collections made at fundraising events;

(i) each contribution, rebate, refund, or other receipt not otherwise listed under subsections (1)(b) through (1)(h) during the reporting period; and

(j) the total sum of all receipts received by or for the committee or candidate during the reporting period.

Montana DSA has not disclosed any contributions. How was a text paid for on October 16th? Who paid for the text?

Violation #3:

Montana DSA failed to report (See Exhibit #2) according to MCA 13-37-229."must disclose the following information concerning expenditures made".

(i) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to whom expenditures have been made by the committee or candidate during the reporting period, including the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

(ii) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, and reimbursed expenses has been made, including the amount, date, and purpose of that expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

(iii) the total sum of expenditures made by a political committee, candidate, or joint fundraising committee during the reporting period. If the expenditure is made by a joint fundraising committee, the joint fundraising committee shall report gross and net allocations to each participant.

(iv) the name and address of each political committee, candidate, or joint fundraising committee to which the reporting committee or candidate made any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;

(v) the name of any person to whom a loan was made during the reporting period, including the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of that person and the full names, mailing addresses, occupations, and principal places of business, if any, of the endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;

(vi) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by a political committee, candidate, or joint fundraising committee in the form prescribed by the commissioner; and

(vii) if a joint fundraising committee allocated contributions to a participant, the contribution information under subsections (1)(a) through (1)(c) for each contributor that contributed to the gross amount allocated by the joint fundraising committee to the participant.

Montana DSA has not disclosed any expenditures. How much did the text on October 16th cost? What other electioneering expenditures has Montana DSA purchased that have not been disclosed?

Exhibit #1

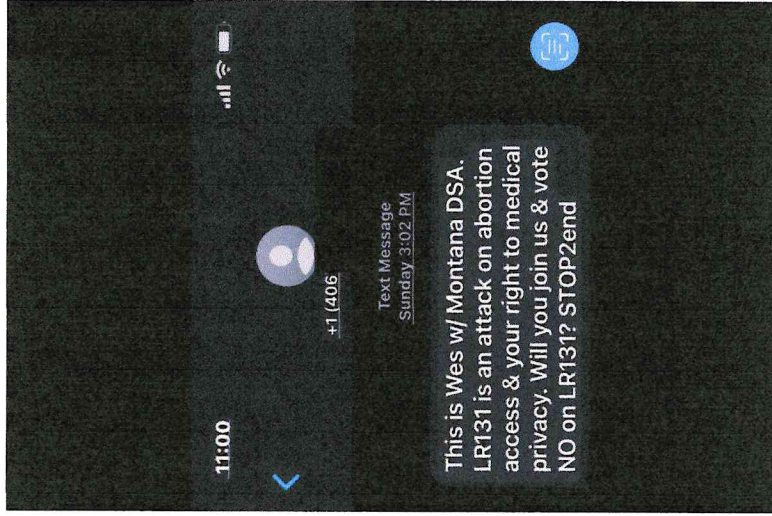


Exhibit #2

Committee Registration View

» Statement of Organization (CZ)

Committee Information

Committee Name: Western Montana DSA

Mailing Address: 216 E Central Ave Missoula, MT 59801

Committee Type: Ballot Issue

Received Date:

Current Status: In Process

Physical Address:

Incorporated: N

Election Year: 2022

Amended Date:

Committee Treasurer Information

Treasurer Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Home Phone:

Home or Personal Email Address:

Physical Address:

Alternate Phone:

Deputy Treasurer Information

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Treasurer Full Name:
Mailing Address:
Home Phone:
Home or Personal Email
Address:

Physical Address:
Alternate Phone:

Deputy Treasurer Information

Committee Account Information

Primary Bank:
Secondary Bank:

Primary Address:
Secondary Address:

Additional Officer Information

Purpose of Committee and/or Name(s) of Candidate(s) or Ballot Issue(s) Supported or Opposed

Candidate/Issues Position Issue Status

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Committee Report List » Finance Reports for committee.

Committee Information

Committee Name: Western Montana DSA Election Year: 2022
Mailing Address: 216 E Central Ave Missoula, MT 59801 Committee Type: Ballot Issue

Committee Report List

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