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Jeffrey Mangan  
Commissioner of Political Practices  
P.O. Box 202401  
Helena, MT 59620-2401

Re: Regier v. Montana DSA, COPP-2022-CFP-032

Dear Mr. Mangan:

This will respond to your letter of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 asking “Montana DSA” to respond to Mr. Regier’s complaint.

The text messages referred to in Mr. Regier’s claim were paid for by Montanans Against LR-131 a Ballot Issue committee registered with your office. The expenditures were properly reported in the committee’s C7E report for the period of 11-02-2022 to 11-04-2022.

As to your concerns about a “paid for” attribution, the purpose of this letter is to cure the lack of attribution for each of the messages pursuant to Section 13-35-225(4) MCA.

The following messages were communicated by text message to electors during the campaign:

This is {texterFirstName} w/ Montana DSA. LR131 is an attack on abortion access & your right to medical privacy. Will you join us & vote NO on LR131?

Hi, this is {texterFirstName} w/ Montanans Against LR131. LR131 is extreme government overreach allowing politicians to interfere in tragic family medical decisions. It is our responsibility to fight this attack on our constitutional right to privacy. Can I count on you to vote NO on LR-131?

Hi, this is {texterFirstName} with Montanans Against LR 131. I appreciate your commitment to vote NO on LR 131. The election is today! Do you have a plan to vote before 8 PM today?

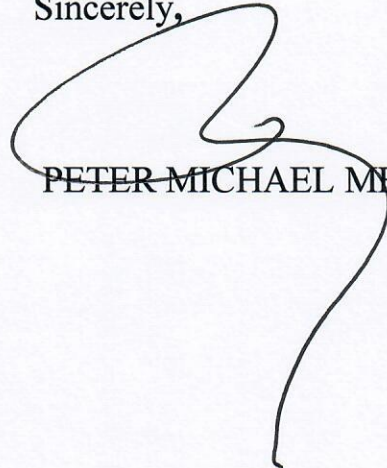
Hi, this is {texterFirstName} with Montana DSA. Abortion rights in MT are at stake this election day. You can defend abortion rights and stand up to fascist Republican politicians by voting against LR 131. Can I count on you to vote NO on LR 131?

Each of the foregoing messages were paid for by Montanans Against LR-131, Amanda Miller, Treasurer, PO Box 2021, Missoula, MT 59806.

So that we are clear, the first text listed above, is likely the text referred to in the Regier complaint. The other three were sent after the date of his complaint.

Unfortunately, your letter of November 4<sup>th</sup> was not sent to the Montanans Against LR-131 committee. Montanans Against L.R. 131 received the letter on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee regrets the delay in responding to your request.

Sincerely,



PETER MICHAEL MELOY