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Complaint Form (10/09)

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

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Debra M. Bonogofksy
Complete Mailing Address 2009 Tired Man Road
Billings, MT 59101
Phone Numbers: Work 406-252-5151 Home 406-245-5022

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

Complete Name Montana Citizens for Right to Work
Complete Mailing Address PO Box 1475
Helena, MT 59624
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home _____

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

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Yellowstone

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

Debra M. Bonogofksy
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June, 2010.

K. R. Carranco
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: Oct 16, 2012

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s), including pertinent dates, 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.

The attached flyer by the Montana Citizens for Right to Work attacking Debra Bonogofsky, a candidate for HD57, violates Title 13, Chapters 35 and 37 of the Montana Code. The political committee making the mailing did not include the appropriate disclaimer. According to 13-35-225(1). MCA, campaign material distributed by a political committee must "conspicuously include the attribution 'paid for by' followed by the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure, the name of the committee treasurer, and the address of the committee or the committee treasurer. This information is not included on the Montana Citizens for Right to Work mailing; there is no "paid by" attribution, and no name of the committee treasurer or address of the committee treasurer.

In addition, the party responsible for the mailer did not include this expenditure on the required committee finance reports on the C-6 or the C-7E as specified in 13-37-225.

The mailing clearly attacks Debra Bonogofsky, a candidate for the legislature and implicitly calls on people not to vote for Bonogofsky. Since Montana Citizens for Right to Work is apparently sponsoring this mailing, it has violated Montana law by not filing campaign reports as required by law.

Complaint must be:

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

Montana Citizens for Right to Work

PO Box 1475 • Helena, MT 59604

June 1st, 2010

Dear Friend:

Time is running out.

As you may remember, I recently sent you a letter about Montana Citizens for Right to Work's program to survey your candidates for the June 8 Primary Election.

And because your primary is so critical, I want to write to you again to fill you in on what's been going on.

You see, it's absolutely vital you know where your candidates stand on the forced-unionism issue if we're going to restore individual freedom to Montana workers and get on the road to creating jobs.

The good news is, as I already reported, GOP State House candidate, Dan Kennedy, has answered his Candidate Survey in 100% opposition to forced unionism.

Dan Kennedy has staked out his position in favor of a state Right to Work law to end forced dues in Montana -- and more freedom, jobs and economic prosperity.

Unfortunately, GOP State House candidate, Debra Bonogofsky, is still refusing to answer her Candidate Survey.

This is unacceptable. You need to turn Debra Bonogofsky around IMMEDIATELY.

You see, as 80% of Montanans agree, it's just plain wrong for any Montana worker to be forced to pay dues to a union boss just to have a job and feed their families.

But thanks to union bosses' pals in the federal government, who created the forced-unionism problem in the first place,

forced dues are the law in Montana.

The good news, we can "opt out" of the federal forced-dues system by passing a state Right to Work law which simply returns to workers the individual freedom to REFUSE to join or pay dues to a union should they wish.

In fact, 22 states have already done so.

But for too long, Big Labor's pals in our State Legislature have flat-out ignored the overwhelming majority of Montanans who oppose forced unionism and have instead kowtowed to the national union bosses and their allies in Congress.

I hope you agree, this MUST stop.

Especially during these tough economic times, every Montanan is paying a severe price for forced unionism.

You see, PHH Fantus, the nation's longtime leading business relocation firm, reports that at least half of all businesses automatically eliminate non-Right to Work states like Montana when relocating.

Not only that, but George Mason University's Nobel Prize-winning economics department found that families in Right to Work states average \$2,800 more in purchasing power than families in non-Right to Work states.

In fact, over the past decade, total real personal income in the five Western Right to Work states increased by more than **DOUBLE** that of Western forced-unionism states like Montana!

That's why you and I must demand Republican Debra Bonogofsky return her Candidate Survey immediately.

The issue couldn't be any simpler.

Either legislators stand with the nearly 80% of Montanans who support Right to Work and, thus, economic prosperity -- or they stand with the national union elite and their federally-authorized stranglehold on Montana workers and our fragile economy.

If you haven't yet done so, contact Dan Kennedy and thank him for his opposition to forced unionism.

Then, put the heat on Debra Bonogofsky and insist she return

her survey in 100% support for Right to Work.

With so much on the line this year, we're really stretching our budget to help keep Right to Work supporters informed.

So, if you can help financially, I'd really appreciate it. Whatever you can do -- \$250, \$100, \$50 or \$25 -- will help.

But most importantly, please insist your candidates for State Senate and State House take a public stand in opposition to forced unionism.

Please do all you can to hold the politicians accountable.

Sincerely,



Christian LeFer
Executive Director

P.S. It's vital you act TODAY to put the heat on Debra Bonogofsky!

Demand that they pledge 100% opposition to the union bosses' forced-unionism agenda.

And if you have time, please thank Dan Kennedy for pledging 100% opposition to compulsory unionism -- and for pledging to support a state Right to Work law for Montana.

Please act at once!

2010 Roster of Candidates

Candidates for the State House

District 57

Question	1	2	3	4	Question	1	2	3	4
Debra Bonogofsky-R P.O. Box 257 Billings, MT 59103	—	—	—	—	Dan Kennedy-R 1519 McMullen Ln. Laurel, MT 59044	Y	Y	Y	Y

Key:	
Y = Yes	R = Republican
N = No	D = Democrat
— = No Answer	

Survey 2010 Candidate Questionnaire

1. A state Right to Work law provides that no worker can be denied a job because he or she either joins or does not join a labor union. Such a law guarantees that each individual worker can freely choose whether or not to join or financially support a union.
3. "Agency shop" clauses in collective bargaining agreements compel workers who choose not to join a union to pay the equivalent of monthly dues to labor unions. Workers are forced to pay the "agency fees" under the threat of dismissal.

WILL YOU SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENACT A STATUTORY RIGHT TO WORK LAW IN MONTANA (INCLUDING PROCEDURAL AND AMENDMENT VOTES)?

WILL YOU OPPOSE LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO GRANT "AGENCY SHOP" PRIVILEGES TO UNION OFFICIALS?

2. Union officials have historically sought to gain bargaining powers over public employees. But in seeking such powers, union officials have not sought to bargain solely for those government workers who would join a union. Instead, they also demand the monopoly power to bargain for every person employed within a work unit -- including those individuals who do not desire union representation. For this reason, Right to Work supporters oppose any imposition of monopoly bargaining over public employees by union officials.

4. Recently, in several states, union officials have sought to mandate so-called "neutrality agreements" on businesses seeking to bid on state contracts. "Neutrality agreements" prohibit employers from countering union officials' propaganda during organizing drives and guarantee that employees only hear one side of the story.

IF ELECTED, WILL YOU OPPOSE SO-CALLED "NEUTRALITY AGREEMENTS" AND ALLOW WORKERS TO HEAR ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION?

WILL YOU OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE MONOPOLY BARGAINING ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES?

NOTE: Montana Citizens for Right to Work, of course, endorses no candidates. We are a nonpartisan organization. But we believe that you as a Right to Work supporter are entitled to know which candidates will support the right of every Montana citizen to earn a living -- without having to pay union bosses for the privilege.

Action Reply Form

FROM:
Mark Rite Lines Inc.
Mr. John Gonitzke
4313 Duck Creek Rd
Billings, MT 59101-6188

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Dear Christian:

I agree!

Montana has been without the freedom and economic opportunity of a state Right to Work law for too long.

It's critical that all the candidates in my district take a public stand opposing forced unionism and supporting a state Right to Work law for Montana.

To help ensure this, I have:

___ Contacted the candidates in my district and urged them to pledge 100% opposition to forced unionism by returning their Candidate Surveys at once.

___ Enclosed a contribution of:

\$250 ___ \$100 ___ \$50 ___ Other \$ ___ \$25 ___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please make your check payable and return to:
Montana Citizens for Right to Work

Note: Contributions to the Montana Citizens for Right to Work are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.