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Complaint Form (10/09)

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Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Debra M. Bonogofsky
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 Western Tradition Partnership
Complete Mailing Address PO Box 11894
Bozeman, MT 59718
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. Bonogofsky, 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. Bonogofsky
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.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The attached flyer by the Western Tradition Partnership 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 Western Tradition Partnership 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 has not filed the required committee finance reports. Western Tradition Partnership is a 501(c)4 organization which has not filed as a political committee and has not filed a campaign report. Section 13-37-201, MCA states "A political committee shall file the certification, which shall include an organizational statement and set forth the name and address of all other officers, if any, within 5 days after it makes an expenditure or authorizes another person to make an expenditure on its behalf, whichever occurs first. The certification of a candidate or political committee shall be filed with the commissioner and the appropriate election administrator as specified for the filing of reports in 13-37-225." They also have not filed a C-7E form on pre-election expenditures.

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

Complaint must be:

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

Monday morning

Dear Friend,

With the June 8 Republican Primary rapidly approaching, it's vital you know exactly where your candidates for State House stand on the issues of job creation and property rights.

Unfortunately, one of your candidates, Debra Bonagofsky, has failed to answer basic questions about his positions.

Right now, the radical environmentalists and their anti-business allies are pulling out all the stops to seize control of our entire state government in Helena.

And they're targeting your State House race because they know it's one of the most crucial in their battle to control policy on tax money, energy production, and natural resources, all the while eroding your private property rights.

That's why it's vital you turn the heat up on your candidates TODAY.

Let me explain.

Western Tradition Partnership sent all your candidates a Candidate Survey asking them to clearly explain to voters what they intend to do to if elected or re-elected.

The good news is Dan Kennedy has answered the Candidate Survey in 100% opposition to the radical environmentalists' anti-jobs, big-government agenda.

Dan Kennedy knows Al Gore and his economy-killing carbon taxers can't ram their agenda through without filling government posts with heavy-handed bureaucrats and mandate-happy politicians.

But, his opponent, Debra Bonagofsky, refused to state her position on environmental issues -- issues that all candidates should be clear about. Issues like:

- >> Whether she will profit PERSONALLY from tax-subsidized "green" boondoggles she would be voting on .
- >> Whether she supports radical environmentalists' plans to send your utility bills skyrocketing with Cap & Tax schemes and mandates for so-called "renewable energy" from wasteful and expensive sources like solar.
- >> Whether she plans to shut down responsible future job creation in order to make

Montana more like the “left coast,” where extreme regulations and oppressive taxes have sent residents fleeing.

- >> Other issues, including fighting Federal bureaucrats’ attempts to control Montana’s water resources, dealing with the destruction of our elk and game herds by wolves, and pushing legislation that would help eliminate frivolous lawsuits by radical environmentalists.

The fact that Debra Bonagofsky is hiding her positions should be a major concern to every Montana resident.

Epecially since Bonagofsky is endorsed by the radical anti-business group Montana Conservation Voters, who oppose property rights, block real public lands access for hunters, and work tirelessly to shut down responsible development of Montana's massive energy reserves and precious resources.

Bonagofsky was one of only two Republicans to be considered radical enough to be endorsed by the Conservation Voters.

But it’s not too late to turn her around on her anti-business eco-extremist positions, and demand an apology for her ties with Greenpeace-style special interest groups.

You see, now is the time when candidates listen most carefully to the people they hope to represent.

That’s why it’s vital you contact Debra Bonagofsky today, and insist she complete her Candidate Survey right away.

The fact is, the radical environmentalists targeting Montana’s natural resources are the same ones blocking hunter’s access to public lands, shutting down any responsible land and resource development that would create jobs, and destroying private property rights.

And as if that weren’t enough, they are also using stonewalling bureaucrats to declare massive tracts of “roadless wilderness” off-limits to ATV’s, snowmobiles, and even bicycles!

The massive forest fires we’ve all witnessed are a legacy of their failed agenda to pursue anti-access, “let-it-burn” wilderness policies.

That’s why it’s critical you contact Debra Bonagofsky and tell her to repudiate her support for the agenda of “Gang Green” before it’s too late!

Also, if you can, please support our campaign for public access, energy jobs, and property rights with a contribution of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, or whatever you can afford.

Western Tradition Partnership is the leading organization in Montana in favor of sustainable, environmentally responsible development and management of natural resources.

Because really, aren't we all in support of clean air, water and land?

But the sad fact is, all Montanans are paying a high price for the radical environmentalists' policies -- policies that Montana can no longer afford.

Their rigid anti-progress, economy-killing policies aren't going to hurt the big corporations (who will pass the costs on to you and me), but they ARE going to drastically affect the most vulnerable among us. . .

. . . retirees and veterans on fixed incomes, and working families who already pay high property taxes and are already hurting by rising energy prices and onerous regulations.

And it's not as if we can't see what the difference is!

For example, anyone can see the benefits of jobs and revenues brought to neighboring Wyoming by responsible resource development -- new schools, roads, and a massive income-earning rainy day fund for the future.

And did I mention, severance taxes from natural resource development pay 90% of every Wyoming's personal property taxes for schools and infrastructure?

Environmentally responsible development is the only *economically* sustainable policy for our future in Montana.

You know just as well as I do that we can protect Montana's natural resources without trampling personal property rights, economic development and job creation, or by manipulating the process for personal gain.

We need rational growth policies in Montana -- not uncompromising environmentalist obstruction -- whether for personal gain or a political agenda.

That's why it's absolutely vital ALL of your candidates answer in 100% support of a responsible-growth Montana and in full opposition to the extremist agenda of the radical environmentalists.

Here's how you can help:

- 1) **Contact Debra Bonagofsky** and insist she return her Western Tradition Partnership Candidate Survey in 100% support of jobs, responsible development and property rights -- and in opposition to the extremist agenda of the radical environmentalists.
- 2) **Contact Dan Kennedy**, and thank him for his strong stand for access, jobs, and property rights.
- 3) **Complete and return the enclosed Western Tradition Partnership Survey Reply** and rush it back to me immediately.

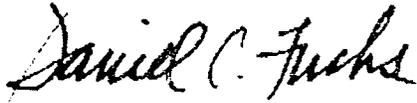
Finally, if at all possible, please agree to support this vital effort with a contribution of \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or \$25.

WTP is a grassroots group of true conservationists who, like you, are tired of the extreme special interests who have hijacked the environmental issue -- at the expense of average citizens who know we can have both economic growth AND environmental responsibility.

Quite simply, there's too much at stake for Montana this election year to sit on the sidelines.

Please act TODAY.

Sincerely,



Daniel C. Fuchs
Director of Government Affairs

P.S. The radical environmentalists and well-heeled elitists behind Montana Conservation Voters and Greenpeace would love nothing more than to have TOTAL control of our State Government, our natural resources, your tax dollars, and your property rights.

That's why I'm terribly concerned about Debra Bonagofsky refusing to come clean on her cozy relationship with Conservation Voters positions regarding responsible development, property rights, jobs and affordable energy.

Our experience has been that candidates who refuse to return WTP's Candidate Survey are often trying to hide radical environmentalist policy positions.

Please contact Debra Bonagofsky and urge her to return his completed Candidate Survey and repudiate his support for the radical environmentalists' agenda.



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2010 Candidate Survey Results

SURVEY RESULTS for your House race in HD57

QUESTION	Dan Kennedy	Debra Bonagofsky
Q1-Q9:	YES on ALL	REFUSED
Q10:	NO	REFUSED

SELECTED QUESTIONS, CONDENSED:

- Q1: Allow ranchers & property owners to shoot wolves, an invasive, non-native predator, on sight to protect livestock and game herds.**
- Q2: Oppose all government mandated tax subsidies and purchase requirements on consumers for expensive “green” energy sources such as wind and solar.**
- Q3: Support legislation to create “loser pay” for all environmental lawsuits found to be frivolous or without merit.**
- Q4: Reduce property taxes by encouraging responsible development of Montana’s massive oil, gas, and coal reserves.**
- Q5: Repeal all tax and government regulation of on biodiesel produced by farmers for use on their own property and for private, non-highway use.**
- Q6: Oppose attempts by Federal authorities to take control of Montana’s surface and subsurface water through changes to Clean Water Act.**
- Q7: Oppose any attempt to virtually ban humans from Montana’s forests by additional designation of so-called “roadless wilderness” areas.**
- Q8: Strengthen private property rights by increasing landowner rights to prevent and protest top-down zoning/regulatory takings at the county level.**
- Q9: Oppose carbon tax, including “cap and trade”, which would cost each Montana family thousands per year in taxes and increased cost of goods.**
- Q10: Will you personally benefit financially or otherwise from any government-mandates for “green” energy?**



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PERSONAL REPLY

From: _____

To: Daniel C. Fuchs
Director of Government Relations
Western Tradition Partnership
PO Box 11894
Bozeman, MT 59718

Yes, Dan!

Like you, I know the radical greens and their anti-free market allies are pulling out all the stops to seize control of our entire state government in Helena

I'm worried, too, about Debra Bonogofsky refusing to come clean on important issues.

That's why I'm:

_____ Contacting Debra Bonogofsky and insisting she return her Western Tradition Partnership Candidate Survey in 100% support of a responsible development agenda -- and in opposition to the extremist agenda of the radical environmentalists.

_____ Contacting Dan Kennedy, and thanking him for his strong stand for jobs and responsible growth and development.

_____ Helping educate more citizens by enclosing my best gift to **Western Tradition Partnership** in the amount of:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____

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