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Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Rep. Thomas L. Burnett  
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Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Montana Democratic Party  
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 802  
Helena, MT 59624  
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Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

State of Montana, County of Callahan

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

Thomas L. Burnett  
Signature of Complainant



(SEAL)  
LEE H. VERNON  
NOTARY PUBLIC for the  
State of Montana  
Residing at:  
Belgrade, Montana  
My Commission Expires:  
September 30, 2013

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of  
December, 2011, by Thomas L. Burnett  
Lee H. Vernon  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



**Complaint against the Montana Democratic Party  
By Tom Burnett**

On December 10, 2011, the Montana Democratic Party paid for and provided a leaflet to the Gallatin County Democratic Central Committee which was then distributed by Chair Billy McWilliams and Vice Chair Bethany Letiecq and perhaps others. It contained an inaccuracy in violation of MCA 13-35-225-3-a-iii. The leaflet claimed I had enriched myself, "giving himself a taxpayer-funded pay raise", while cutting government spending for others. As I do not take pay, travel reimbursement, per diem, insurance or the computer allowance, I cannot have voted a pay raise for myself. I informed Mr. McWilliams of the error at about 10:00 a.m. when he stopped at my home to discuss the matter and show me the leaflet.

He did not say that he would contact his volunteers and ask them to quit distributing the false information that had been printed and proved by the state Democratic Party.

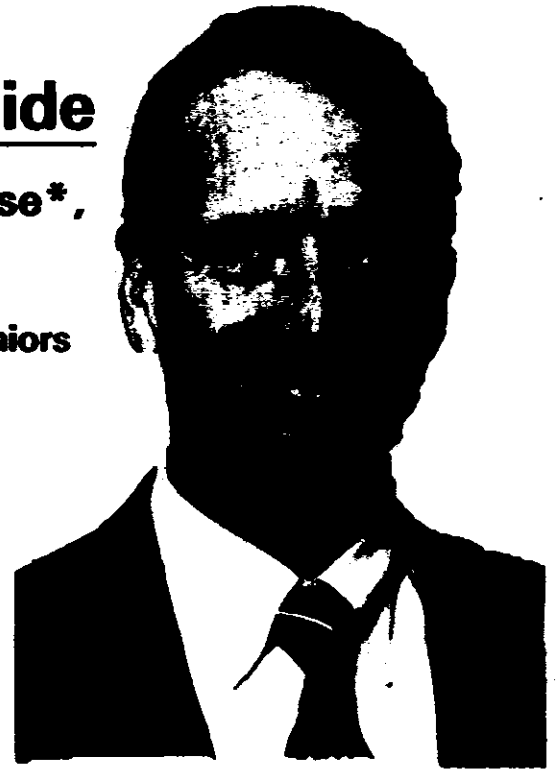
Further, the Montana Democratic Party paid for a telephone call on December 21, 2011, to residents of House District 63, carrying the erroneous message of the leaflet. Two residents personally reported receiving the phone call. One has notes about the content. One has saved the recording.

Since this phone campaign was after I notified Mr. McWilliams of the error, the state Party is at fault and should be sanctioned and should repair the damage. The Party should be required, in addition to standard sanctions, to provide the names of the residents they called, and pay for a phone campaign to correct the misinformation.

# Rep. Tom Burnett: Not on Our Side

After giving himself a taxpayer-funded pay raise\*,  
Tom Burnett voted:

- **To Cut Prescription Drug Assistance for Montana Seniors**  
[Source House Amendment HB2-065, 3/11/11, Vote: No]
- **Against Home Loans for Montana Veterans**  
[Source SB 326, 4/18/11, 2nd Reading: No; SB 326 4/19/11, 3rd Reading: No]
- **To Increase Tuition on Bozeman Students**  
[Source House Amendment HB2-053 3/14/11, Vote: No]
- **To Eliminate Bozeman Firefighter Jobs**  
[Source HB 231, 2/9/11, 2nd Reading: Yes; HB 231, 2/9/11, 3rd Reading: Yes]



\*Source HB1, 1/12/11, Second Reading: Yes; HB1, 1/13/11, Third Reading: Yes; HB1, 1/25/11, Second Reading: Yes; HB1, 1/25/11, Third Reading: Yes;

## Tom Burnett: Doing More for Burnett than Bozeman

Paid for by the Montana Democratic Party—J. Scott Wheeler, Treasurer. Not authorized by any federal candidate or candidate's committee.  
"I affirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied about this candidate's voting records is accurate and true." *L. J. Scott*

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**Rep. Tom Burnett:  
Doing More For Burnett than Bozeman**



**Contact Rep. Tom Burnett  
Ask Him Why He's Looking Out For Himself,  
Instead of Montana**

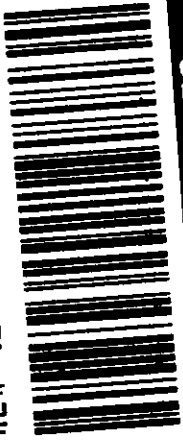
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**Too Extreme For Bozeman**

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