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**COMPLAINT AGAINST STEPHEN HOKLIN  
CANDIDATE FOR HD 45, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY**

This campaign finance and disclosure complaint is filed by Bowen Greenwood, on behalf of the membership of the Montana Republican Party.

The address of the Montana Republican Party is:

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This complaint is filed against Stephen Hoklin, the Democratic Party Candidate for HD 45, located in Yellowstone County Montana.

Mr. Hoklin's address is listed as:

3114 Brayton Str. Billings, MT

59102

**NATURE OF COMPLAINT AND FACTS SUPPORTING THE SAME:**

Hoklin is in clear violation of Montana's campaign finance disclosure and reporting laws. These laws include MCA Sections 13-37-225, 226 and 229 and 230.

Mr. Hoklin has not filed with the COPP a single C-5 form for the 2014 election. As the Commissioner is well aware, Mr. Hoklin was required to file a pre-primary election campaign finance report, as well as a post-primary election report.

**REMEDY SOUGHT:**

There is sufficient, if not conclusive evidence, that Hoklin has violated Montana's campaign practices statutes.

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The Party seeks both a civil penalty sanction against Mr. Hoklin, as well as an action brought by the Commissioner in District Court to have Mr. Hoklin removed from the 2014 general election ballot, much in the same manner as the Commissioner is actively seeking sanctions against this Party's candidates for public office.

Signed

Bowen Greenwood

Executive Director

MT Republican Party

State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark

I, Bowen Greenwood, being duly sworn, state that the information in this

Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant

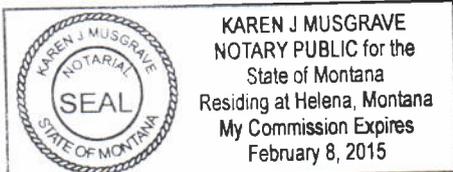
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of the month of

August, in the year 2014.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/8/15



**NOTICE OF REACH OF GREENWOOD v. Hoklin et. al. COPP-2014-CFP-0032**

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Bowen Greenwood, executive director of the Montana Republican Party, filed a complaint against legislative candidate Stephen Hoklin, the Democratic nominee for HD 45 in the 2014 election. The Complaint alleges Hoklin's failure to file the required pre-primary 2014 campaign finance report and asks that Hoklin's name be removed from the 2014 general election ballot.

The Commissioner is generally charged to investigate "...all of the alleged violations of election laws..." raised by the complaint §13-37-111(1) MCA. Coincident with this responsibility the Commissioner is specifically charged ("shall") to investigate "failures to file any statements". §13-37-111(2)(a) MCA. Accordingly, as directed by these laws, the Commissioner includes all other non-filing Montana 2014 general election candidates, 42 in total, within the scope of the complaint. The names and addresses of the 42 non-filing candidates are listed above in this Notice.

The Commissioner takes this action because each of the 42 non-filing 2014 general election candidates is in an identical candidacy situation to that of Mr. Hoklin. Any notice and opportunity to correct provided Mr. Hoklin by Mr. Greenwood's complaint should, in fairness, be provided to all 42 candidates. The Greenwood complaint now reaches all 42 affected candidates.

Candidates are required by law to file campaign finance reports. Montana law further states that failure to file the reports disqualifies the candidate from a position on the election ballot. Section 13-37-126 MCA declares that: "[t]he name of a candidate may not appear on the official ballot for an election if the candidate or treasurer for a candidate fails to file any statement or report as required...."

Each of the 42 above listed candidates is still just that, a candidate for public office in Montana's 2014 general election. However, on August 14, 2014 the Commissioner will submit a list of those candidates who still have not filed missing campaign finance reports with the COPP and Montana law requires that those candidates' names then be removed from the ballot.<sup>1</sup> **Candidates have until 5:00 PM, Wednesday, August 13, 2014 to file their missing campaign finance reports.**

A Decision on the Complaint will follow this Notice.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 13-12-201 MCA requires that within 75 days of the election (or by August 21, 2014 for the 2014 ballot) the Montana secretary of state must certify to election administrators candidates eligible for the ballot. In turn, the Commissioner must notify the secretary of state or a local election administrator 7 days earlier (or by August 14, 2014) of the failure of any candidate to file the required reports. §13-37-126(3)(b)(iii). That candidate's name is then removed from the ballot. §13-37-126 MCA