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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

KENT MADIN

Complete Mailing Address

14543 Kelly Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715

Phone Numbers:

Work

406-595-2310

Home

406-587-4732

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

Complete Name

Scott Sales

Complete Mailing Address

5200 Bostwick Road
Bozeman MT 59715

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

Verification by oath or affirmation

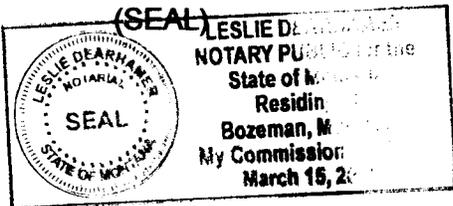
State of Montana, County of

Gallatin

I, KENT MADIN

, 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



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 2013.

Leslie Dearhame
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

January 13, 2013
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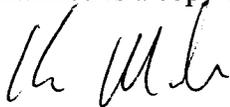
This complaint stems from public knowledge of campaign materials featured in the Frontline documentary "Big Sky, Big Money" which aired in October of this year. The documentary suggested that there had been inappropriate collaboration between Western Traditions Partnership and several candidates. One of the specific elements suggesting collaboration was the consistent template of so-called "wife letters" and wife questionnaires. These letters were apparently generated with considerable guidance by Western Traditions Partnership representatives who established the format and style of the letters which were produced so as to appear personal and authentic.

After I filed a complaint against Tom Burnett of Bozeman, I received two more examples of very similar letters which also seem to fit the "wife letter" mould. The first is ostensibly written by Sandie Sales of Bozeman, Montana. The letter was written in support of her husband Scott in the Republican primary in 2010 for a Gallatin County Commissioner's seat. In addition to having many features in common with the various "wife letters" in the public domain, this particular letter has nothing on it to identify it as campaign literature, which is a potential infraction apart from the issue of collaboration with WTP.

I believe that any reasonable person might be suspicious that Scott Sales was one of the candidates with whom the WTP collaborated. In fact, the circumstantial evidence is so strong that, like Burnett, if Sales did not collaborate with WTP, he deserves to have his name fully and officially cleared.

I have written to Scott Sales on several occasions in the last month and asked specifically if he did collaborate with WTP and had no response.

I believe that Scott Sales and WTP may be guilty of violating administrative rules 44.10.321 and 44.10.323 and may perhaps have violated other rules I am unfamiliar with and should be investigated. Attached is a copy of Scott Sales' "wife letter".



Kent Madin
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Sandie Sales

Dear Friend:

I'm Sandie Sales, and my husband Scott is running for Gallatin County Commissioner in the upcoming June 8 Republican Primary.

Chances are you've heard Scott's name before, since he's represented a large part of Gallatin County since 2003 as a State Representative.

But if you're like most folks, you've been too busy living your daily life to know much more about Scott other than he's currently a State Representative.

Unfortunately, you may have recently heard some of the recent lies and smear tactics coming from Scott's opponents.

Ever since Scott first got involved in politics, we understood that we'd have to one day deal with personal attacks & smear campaigns.

And let me tell you, it's not very fun.

But we knew if negative campaigns kept good people like Scott from running for office, it wouldn't be long before our state and country would be run into the ground by folks who only care about personal gain.

So it was a ride Scott and I decided to take.

Unfortunately, during this Primary Campaign things have gotten out of hand.

The good news is the election is near, and I trust that the citizens of Gallatin County will see through the distortions.

But I must admit, some of the attacks are hurtful.

It's painful to hear folks falsely attack the man that I care so much about.

Especially when they're only doing it because Scott has a history of putting taxpayers ahead of bureaucrats; their

"too-big-to-fail" friends in the legislature.

That's why I decided to take a moment to write you a letter and let you get to know the truth about Scott; tell you why I think he's the best man for the job.

I first met Scott when we were introduced to one another at church by mutual friends.

Over time, we developed a relationship; it wasn't long before I knew that he was "the one."

We've now been married for over 22 years, and together we have three wonderful children - Emma, Colt; Rachel - and Scott is still the same man I fell in love with.

Upon seeing someone who's lived their entire life in the Rocky Mountain West, Scott has a deep admiration and respect for our traditional Montana values.

That's one of the reasons why we worked so hard to instill the values of hard work, personal responsibility and faith in our three children.

It is also one of the reasons why he's

fought so hard for our traditional family values during his time as a State Representative in Helena.

Those are the exact same values that Scott will bring with him if elected as Gallatin County Commissioner.

You see, Scott's an honest man, and he expects the same of his elected officials.

So you can be sure that, if elected, Scott will carry through with all of his campaign promises.

And one of the first things he wants to do is reduce property taxes here in Gallatin County.

You see, Scott believes it's just plain wrong for someone to lose the home they've owned for their entire life just because they can't keep up with ever-increasing property tax bills.

And not to mention how much more money we would have in our pockets if property taxes were lower - money that we could use for family time, or for our

his college education.

That's why Scott is so upset about the fact that our County Budget has more than doubled in five short years.

Scott also believes that families, small business owners, and our local communities can handle their own affairs a lot better than micromanaging government bureaucrats.

Upon my Scott's been a State Representative for 8 years now.

And during that time, he's never wavered on his principles and convictions.

With Scott, what you see is what you get.

And that's an honest, hardworking man who wants nothing more than for Callatin to remain a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

So if you're looking for a County Commissioner that will always have an open door for

you to address your concerns, and one
who will govern with our traditional
values, then I ask you to join me in
voting for my husband, Scott Sales, for
County Commissioner in the June 8
Republican Primary

Sincerely,
Angie Sales

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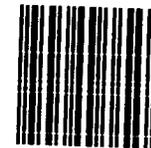
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