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November 3, 2008

Ruth Mahle
34299 Lemery Road
St. Ignatius MT 59865

Subject: Complaint received October 27, 2008 against Jeanne Windham

I have carefully reviewed the complaint you recently filed against Jeanne Windham.

The complaint alleges that certain disclaimers that are shown in photographs included with the complaint are deficient because they are hard to read. I note that, while the disclaimers are relatively small, they are of sufficient size that I can read them in the photos. My staff and I have all looked at the photos, and it appears they comply with the law.

Further, the complaint alleges violation of § 13-37-124, MCA. That statute, however, has nothing to do with disclaimers – it involves consultation and cooperation between the commissioner and the county attorney.

For these reasons I am dismissing the complaint. It can be re-filed. If you choose to re-file, please be as specific as possible in describing the allegations. Also, correct citations to statutes or rules within my jurisdiction are required.

Dennis Unsworth
Commissioner of Political Practices

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34299 Lemery Road
St. Ignatius, MT 59865
October 23, 2008

Mary Baker
1205 8th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Ms. Baker:

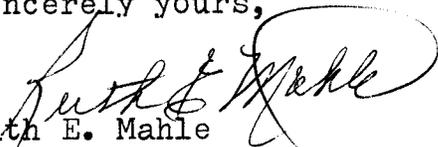
Enclosed is page 1 of the Campaign Finance and Practices
Complaint Form and Page 2 of Statement of facts.

Also enclosed are pictures of Ms. Windham's signs showing
her lack of logo and unable to read the disclaimers even
with enlargement. There are many other sized signs which are
worse to read the disclaimer but did think the biggest ones
was prevalent.

Also, send some of John Fleming who had three different sizes
showin in road right of way. and very small disclaimers.
We are just sending them so he can be informed what is the law.
This is his first being a candidate.

Thank you for your assistance. If more information is needed,
please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,


Ruth E. Mahle

P.S. I had to find and borrow a typewriter so the lines do not
line up with the typing. Oh, well!!!

Enclosures

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COMPLAINT FORM (07/01)

TYPE OR PRINT IN INK ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM EXCEPT FOR VERIFICATION SIGNATURE

PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT (COMPLAINANT):

COMPLETE NAME Ruth E. Mahle (Middle name: Esther)
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 3422 Lemery Road
St. Ignatius, Montana 59865
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: WORK n/a Retired HOME 406-745-4320

PERSON OR ORGANIZATION AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT (RESPONDENT):

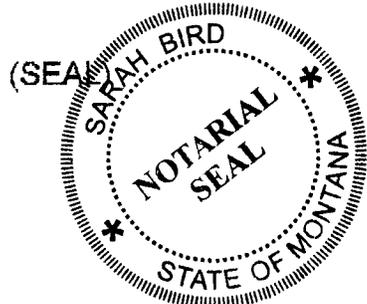
COMPLETE NAME Jeanne Windham
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS 32970 Finley Point Road
Polson, Montana 59860
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: WORK UNK HOME 406-887-2029

**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 Liberty

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



Ruth E. Mahle
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of

OCTOBER, 2008
Sarah Bird
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) 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.

MCA 13-37-124

Disclaimers and Logo

Photos of various signs taken by Bea Eder with me.

Advertiser dated October 22, 2008, front page advertisement by

Jeanne Windham The disclaimer is below the sign but too large for the sign as shown; actually the disclaimer is on the white bottom of the displayed approximately one-third. See enclosed pictures

On the Lake County voting ballot she is listed under "FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR ONE) JEANNE WINDHAM, Democrat.

Ms. Windham has used these same types of signs without disclaimers and logo for at least two elections since she switched Party affiliation. She openly stated that the State will not do anything about it. (Came from an elected official and on the ballott this election.

I would estimate there are at least 200 signs of various sizes in Lake County. Both Republicans and Democrats follow the law.

It is sad that she can do illegal campaigning without being punished and others do what is right.

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Elect

Windham

Commissioner

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House District 112

Fleming

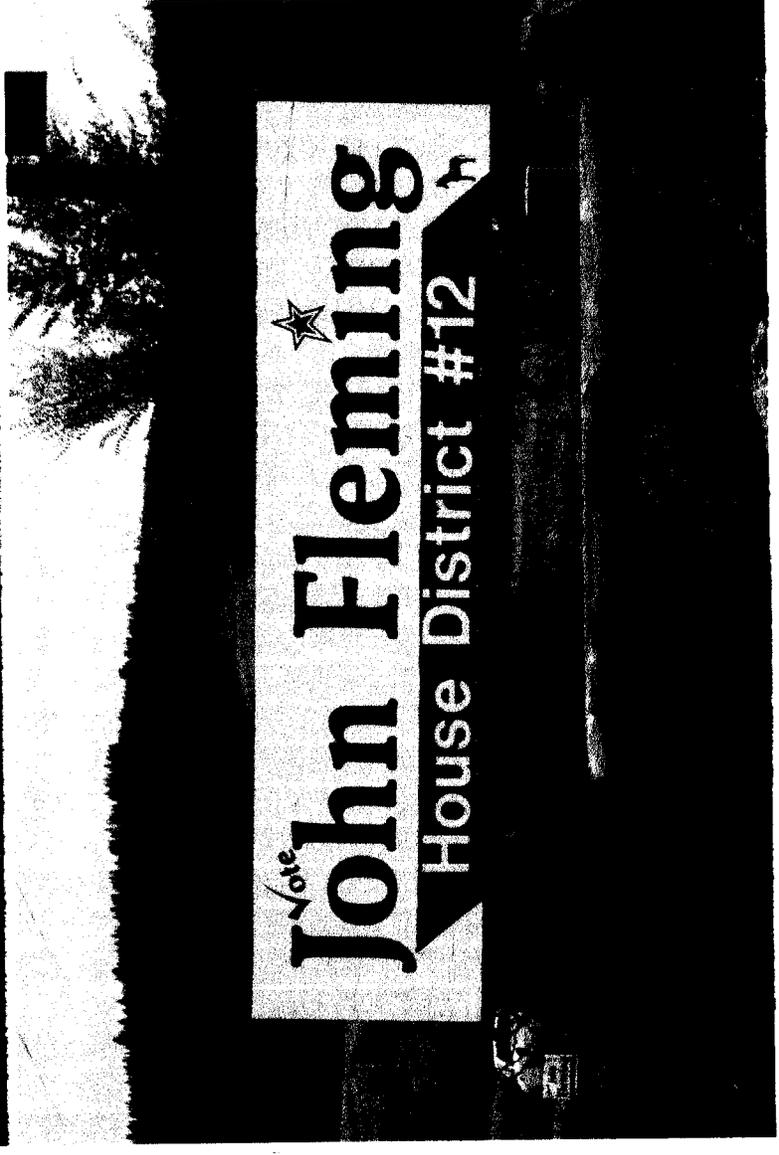
Vote John

Windham

COMMISSIONER

Windham

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on board ref #17001

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← cannot read disclaimer
had to get close to read

Vote **John**

Fleming

House District 12

Elect

Windham

Commissioner

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About Jeanne Windham

- Raised in a family of 9 children by my Mom, Doris and my Dad, Bill
- University of Montana Graduate - UM Alumni Association Life Member
- Small Business Owner 25 Years - Member SHRM
- Lake County Homeowner and Taxpayer 17 years
- Former Montana State Representative - Western Legislative Academy Graduate
- President, DOVES; Founder, Finley Mt Property Assn.; Profesional Women's Club
- Family - Husband, Will, Son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Beth, grandson, Nolan

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