

THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Jesse O'Hara  
Complete Mailing Address 2908 Wells Fargo  
Great Falls, Mt. 59404  
Phone Numbers: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home 781-3333

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

Complete Name Dave Ponte  
Complete Mailing Address 208 Comfort Lane, Bozeman, Mt, 59718  
Phone Numbers: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home 586-2105

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 Florida <sup>ask</sup>, County of Calhoun <sup>ask</sup>

I, Jesse O'Hara, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jesse O'Hara  
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

Ann E. Heckman  
Notary Public



ANN E. HECKMAN  
MY COMMISSION # FF 043412  
EXPIRES: December 7, 2017  
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My Commission Expires: 12/7/17

**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.

Dave Ponte was a candidate in the 2012 election cycle for House District 66. The records on file at the office of Commissioner of Political Practices show Dave Ponte only submitted three C-5 forms. The forms on file are for the May, June, and October 2012 filing periods.

Dave Ponte violated the following Montana campaign practices and finance laws as a candidate for House District 66 during the 2012 election cycle:

1. Section 13-37-225, MCA. Dave Ponte violated § 13-37-225 by failing to report contributions and expenditures after October 20, 2012.
2. Section 13-37-226, MCA. Dave Ponte violated § 13-37-226(3)(c) by failing to file his November 2012 C-5 form.
3. Section 13-37-228, MCA. Dave Ponte violated § 13-37-228(3) by failing to file a closing report as required by Montana law.
4. Section 13-37-229, MCA. Dave Ponte violated § 13-37-229(2) by failing to report the occupation and employer of 10 individual donors (Swope, Popwell, Hart, Box, Haley, Mardock, Roller, Schoneberg, Sunderland, Kirkland) on his May 2012 C-5 form, 1 individual donor (Salcs) on his June 2012 C-5 form, and 1 individual donor (Hinkle) on his October 2012 C-5 form.

Based upon these violations, it is requested that the Commissioner fine Dave Ponte as provided by Montana law.

**Complaints must be:**

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- notarized
- delivered in person or by certified mail.