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## Campaign Finance and Practices

### Complaint Form (10/09)

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

#### Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Al Smith  
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 838  
Helena, MT 59624  
Phone Numbers: Work 443-3124 Home 439-3124

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

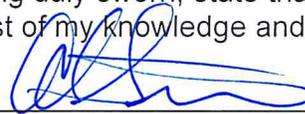
Complete Name Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC  
Complete Mailing Address 1201 F Street NW Suite 675  
Washington, DC 20004  
Phone Numbers: Work (703) 371-5852 Home (406) 252-2888

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

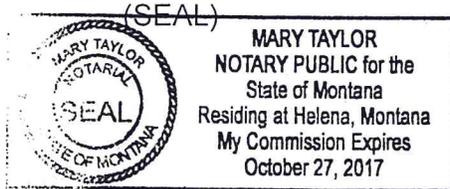
### Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark

I, Al Smith, 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 27th day of  
October, 2016.

  
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.

The StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee filed C-6 reports for the 8/28-9/26/2016 and the 9/27-10/19/2016 filing periods. (Attached) Those reports state that the Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC made an inkind contribution (9/26/16 - \$43,000) and cash contributions (9/21/16 - \$50,000; 10/11/16 - \$175,000) to the StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee.

The Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC filed C-6 reports for the 8/28-9/26/2016 and the 9/27-10/19/2016 filing periods. (Attached) Those reports indicate that there were no expenditures made to the StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee. Additionally, there is no report of any income on either of those reports, with a balance of \$238.53 shown on their latest report.

Political committees are required to report income and expenditures. Sections 13-37-225 through 13-37-231, MCA. The Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC has failed to comply with these Montana campaign finance laws by failing to report income or expenditures.

Or, in the alternative the StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee has failed to file accurate reports and is hiding the true, and only, source of their campaign funds.

The only report I can find for the Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC for income is the attached from OpenSecrets.org that lists the top corporate contributors to the Republican State Leadership Committee that is the parent organization of the Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC. The Republican State Leadership Committee and the Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC certainly know their responsibilities to report, and how to report, as they did so in 2014. (Attached)

One of the main purposes of Montana's campaign laws is to assure that the public is able to see where the money comes from and goes to in election campaigns. The Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC and StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee are obstructing that knowledge. The public has no idea who is actually funding these committees. The Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC should be sanctioned to the fullest extent of the law for its blatant disregard of Montana campaign laws. And the StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee should be made to disgorge the money it says it has received, and cease and desist from running any TV or radio ads that it has purchased with said dark money.

**Complaints must be:**

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by certified mail.

# Committee Finance Report (C-6)

Committee Information

Date Filed: 09/19/2016

Amended Filing for: 09/16/2016 - 09/26/2016

Report Type: Initial

Receive and File Date: 10/01/2016

Report Status: Amended

Amended Date: 10/05/2016

StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee

PO Box 81515 Billings, MT 59108

Committee Type: Independent

Treasurer:

Eaton, Jake

PO Box 81274 Billings, MT 59108

Bank Information:

Yellowstone Bank

2000 Overland Ave Billings, MT 59102

Summary Report

Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent

1. Cash in Bank - Balance from previous report		\$0.00
2. Receipts - Total Received and deposited this period	+	\$50,085.00
	Subtotal	\$50,085.00
3. Expenditures - Total paid out this period	-	\$21,361.16
4. Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report		\$28,723.84

Loans

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Fundraisers

Entity	Election	Purpose	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Committee Contributions

Entity	Committee Type	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Republican State Leadership Committee Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC 1201 F Street NW Suite 675, Washington, DC 20004	Independent Committee Contributions	General	09/26/2016	Polling & Research	\$43,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00(P) \$93,000.00(G)
Republican State Leadership Committee Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC 1201 F Street NW Suite 675, Washington, DC 20004	Independent Committee Contributions	General	09/21/2016		\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00(P) \$93,000.00(G)

Individual Contributors (Total Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (General Contributions < \$35: \$0.00)

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Aspenlieder, Scott 923 8th Ave, Laurel, MT 59044	Engineer PEC	General		\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00(P) \$35.00(G)

Election Entity	Occupation Type	Election Type	Election Purpose	Description	Debt Amount	In-Kind	Date	Cash/Check Date	Debt Amount	Balance Due
Eaton, Jake PO Box 81274, Billings, MT 59108	Consultant TPC	General	Communication	issuance	\$0.00			\$50.00	\$50.00(G)	\$0.00(P)

Expenditures: Petty Cash

Election Entity	Purpose	Date	Amount
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Expenditures: Other

Entity	Election	Electioneer ing Communication	Purpose	Date	Amount
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Expenditures: Independent

Entity	Election	Electioneer ing Communication	Purpose	Candidate/ Issue	Date	Amount
Acquire Digital LLC 512A East Iris Drive, Nashville, TN 37204	General	No	Tv Ad Placement	Oppose Dirk Sandefur	09/21/2016	\$3,872.00
Acquire Digital LLC 512A East Iris Drive, Nashville, TN 37204	General	No	Website development	Oppose Dirk Sandefur	09/21/2016	\$2,520.16
Rising Tide Media 226 S Fayette, Alexandria, VA 22314	General	No	Tv Ad production	oppose Dirk Sanderfur	09/21/2016	\$11,097.00
Strategic Media Service 1023 31st NW 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20007	General	No	Tv Ad Placement	Oppose Dirk Sandefur	09/21/2016	\$3,872.00

Debts

Entity	Election	Type	Purpose	Date	Debt Amount	Balance Due
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Payments Only

Entity	Type	Debt Amount	Date	Paid Amount	Balance Due
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# Committee Finance Report (C-6)

Committee Information

Date Filed: 09/19/2016

Original Filing for: 09/27/2016 - 10/19/2016

Report Type: Periodic

Receive and File Date: 10/24/2016

Report Status: Filed

StopSetEmFreeSandefur.com Committee

PO Box 81515 Billings, MT 59108

Committee Type: Independent

Treasurer:

Eaton, Jake

PO Box 81274 Billings, MT 59108

Bank Information:

Yellowstone Bank

2000 Overland Ave Billings, MT 59102

Summary Report

Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent

1. Cash in Bank - Balance from previous report		\$28,723.84
2. Receipts - Total Received and deposited this period	+	<u>\$175,000.00</u>
	Subtotal	\$203,723.84
3. Expenditures - Total paid out this period	-	<u>\$192,868.71</u>
4. Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report		\$10,855.13

Loans

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Fundraisers

Entity	Election	Purpose	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Committee Contributions

Entity	Committee Type	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
Republican State Leadership Committee Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC 1201 F Street NW Suite 675. Washington, DC 20004	Independent Committee Contributions	General	10/11/2016	None	\$0.00	<u>\$175,000.00</u>	\$0.00(P) <u>\$268,000.00(G)</u>

Individual Contributors (Total Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (General Contributions < \$35: \$0.00)

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Expenditures: Petty Cash

Election	Purpose	Date	Amount
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Expenditures: Other

Entity	Election	Electioneering Communication Purpose	Date	Amount
Moore Information 2130 SW Jefferson, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97201	General	No survey research	10/17/2016	\$1,500.00

Expenditures: Independent

Entity	Election	Electioneering Communication Purpose	Candidate/Issue Date	Amount
Entity	Election	Electioneering Communication Purpose	Candidate/Issue Date	Amount

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Direct Mail 1935 Lampman #2 , Billings, MT 59102	General	Yes	Postage-249,410 mailers	oppose Dirk Sandefur-Supreme Court	10/11/2016	\$62,575.68
HCW & Associates 5806 Grove Ave STE 206, Richmond, VA 23226	General	Yes	mail piece production-249,410 pieces	oppose Dirk Sandefur Supreme Court	10/11/2016	\$69,831.03
Strategic Media Services 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive # 400, Arlington, VA 22209	General	No	Tv Ad Placement	oppose dirk sandefur supreme court	10/18/2016	\$17,055.00
Strategic Media Services 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive # 400, Arlington, VA 22209	General	No	Tv Ad Placement	oppose dirk sandefur supreme court	10/12/2016	\$14,055.00
Strategic Media Services 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive # 400, Arlington, VA 22209	General	Yes	Tv Ad Placement	oppose Dirk Sandefur	09/27/2016	\$10,440.00
Strategic Media Services 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive # 400, Arlington, VA 22209	General	Yes	Tv Ad Placement	oppose Dirk Sandefur - Supreme Court	10/11/2016	\$3,000.00
Strategic Media Services 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive # 400, Arlington, VA 22209	General	No	Tv Ad Placement	oppose Dirk Sandefur	10/03/2016	\$14,312.00
The Political Company PO Box 81274, Billings, MT 59108	General	Yes	digital media placement	oppose dirk sandefur/support Kristen juras	09/30/2016	\$100.00

Debts

Entity	Election	Type	Purpose	Date	Debt Amount	Balance Due
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Entity	Type	Debt Amount	Date	Paid Amount	Balance Due
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## Committee Finance Report (C-6)

### Committee Information

**Date Filed:** 10/01/2014

**Original Filing for:** 08/28/2016 - 09/26/2016

**Report Type:** Periodic

**Receive and File Date:** 09/27/2016

**Report Status:** Filed

Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative  
Montana PAC

1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004

**Committee Type:** Independent

**Treasurer:**

Usher, Barry

PO Box 80812 Billings, MT 59102

**Bank Information:**

Wells Fargo

2235 Grant Road Billings, MT 59102

### Summary Report

**Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent**

1. Cash in Bank - Balance from previous report		\$266.53
2. Receipts - Total Received and deposited this period	+	\$0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	\$266.53
3. Expenditures - Total paid out this period	-	\$14.00
4. Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report		\$252.53

### Loans

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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### Fundraisers

Entity	Election	Purpose	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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### Committee Contributions

Entity	Committee Type	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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### Individual Contributors (Total Contributions <\$35: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions <\$35: \$0.00) (General Contributions <\$35: \$0.00)

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	Date	In-Kind Description	Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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### Expenditures: Petty Cash

Election	Purpose	Date	Amount
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### Expenditures: Other

Entity	Election	Electioneering Communication	Purpose	Date	Amount
Wells Fargo PO Box 80827, Billings, MT 59108	General	No	Bank charges	08/31/2016	\$14.00

Expenditures: Independent

Entity	Type	Election	Debt Amount	Date	Debt Amount	Balance Due
Entity	Election	Type	Purpose	Candidate/Issue	Date	Amount
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		Communication				

Debts

Entity	Election	Type	Purpose	Date	Debt Amount	Balance Due
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Entity	Type	Debt Amount	Date	Paid Amount	Balance Due
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# Committee Finance Report (C-6)

Committee Information

Date Filed: 10/01/2014

Original Filing for: 09/27/2016 - 10/19/2016

Report Type: Periodic

Receive and File Date: 10/24/2016

Report Status: Filed

Republican State Leadership Committee\_Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC

1201 F Street NW Suite 675 Washington, DC 20004

Committee Type: Independent

**Treasurer:**

Usher, Barry  
PO Box 80812 Billings, MT 59102

**Bank Information:**

Wells Fargo  
2235 Grant Road Billings, MT 59102

Summary Report

**Cash Summary: Money Received and Spent**

1. Cash in Bank - Balance from previous report		\$252.53
2. Receipts - Total Received and deposited this period	+	\$0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	\$252.53
3. Expenditures - Total paid out this period	-	\$14.00
4. Cash in Bank - Ending Balance this report		\$238.53

Loans

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	Date	Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Fundraisers

Entity	Election	Purpose	Date	Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Committee Contributions

Entity	Committee Type	Election	Date	Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Individual Contributors (Total Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (Primary Contributions < \$35: \$0.00) (General Contributions < \$35: \$0.00)

Entity	Occupation/ Employer	Election	Date	Description	In-Kind Value	Cash/Check Amount	Total to Date
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Expenditures: Petty Cash

Election	Purpose	Date	Amount
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Expenditures: Other

Entity	Election	Electioneering Communication	Purpose	Date	Amount
Wells Fargo PO Box 80827, Billings, MT 59108	General	No	BANK CHARGES	09/30/2016	\$14.00

Expenditures: Independent

Entity	Election	Electioneering Communication	Purpose	Candidate/Issue	Date	Amount
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Debts

Entity	Election	Type	Purpose	Date	Debt Amount	Balance Due
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Rank	Contributor	Total
1	US Chamber of Commerce	\$2,145,000
2	Reynolds American	\$623,973
3	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$518,549
4	Altria Group	\$424,810
5	Astellas Pharma USA	\$387,895
6	Wal-Mart Stores	\$290,749
7	Koch Industries	\$280,265
8	Amway/Alticor Inc	\$262,075
9	Eli Lilly & Co	\$229,073
10	Pharmaceutical Rsrch & Mfrs of America	\$211,150
11	TracFone Wireless	\$210,549
12	Devon Energy Production	\$210,000
13	Farmers Group	\$202,735
14	State Government Leadership Foundation	\$197,682
15	NEW CENTAUR LLC	\$175,000
15	ABC FREE ENTERPRISE ALLIANCE	\$175,000
17	Pfizer Inc	\$170,335
18	Honeywell International	\$155,235
19	Berkshire Hathaway	\$155,150
20	Airlines for America	\$150,399

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FORM C-6 (Revised 04/08)  
POLITICAL COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT

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

Republican State Leadership Committee - Judicial Fairness Initiative Montana PAC  
FULL REGISTERED NAME OF COMMITTEE  
1201 F Street NW, Suite 675, Washington, DC 20004  
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS  
(Include City, State, Zip Code)

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CASH SUMMARY: MONEY RECEIVED AND SPENT

- 1. CASH IN BANK - Balance from previous report..... \$ 0.00
- 2. RECEIPTS - Total received and deposited this period from Schedule A..... \$ 400,000.00
- 3. CORRECTIONS - Addition or subtraction from Schedule D..... (Circle: + or --) -- \$ 0.00  
Subtotal ..... \$ 400,000.00
- 4. EXPENDITURES - Total paid out this period from Schedule B..... -- \$ 330,323.97
- 5. CASH IN BANK - Ending balance this report..... \$ 69,676.03

CERTIFICATION

I, Barry Usher Treasurer, certify the foregoing report of campaign finances with all attachments is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, in accordance with Montana Code Annotated Title 13, chapter 37.

Signature

NOTE: Report MUST BE SIGNED by an officer whose name is on the Statement of Organization form on file in the office of the Commissioner of Political Practices.

