

Cook, Scott

From: Emily Harris <emily@busseformontana.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:32 AM
To: CPP Help
Cc: Aaron Murphy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Disclaimer Exception

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Hi folks,

We have some campaign buttons that I need to submit to y'all for a disclaimer exception. We have 100 of these buttons and they are 1 inch diameter.

Please let us know when this is approved. Thank you!



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From: Emily Harris <emily@busseformontana.com>
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 3:56 PM
To: Cook, Scott
Cc: Aaron Murphy
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Disclaimer Exception

Hi folks,

Our disclaimer is:

Paid for by Busse for Montana | PO Box 8537, Kalispell, MT 59904 | Democrat

Let us know if you need anything else! Thanks much.

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On Mar 1, 2024, at 2:47 PM, Cook, Scott <SCook3@mt.gov> wrote:

Emily,

See the below message from Commissioner Gallus, regarding the unattributed campaign buttons you had notified us about. As he has stated, COPP does require the full 'paid for by' attribution statement for this material for the exemption under 13-35-225(3) to be granted ("If a document or other article of advertising is too small for the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) to be conveniently included, the candidate responsible for the material or the person financing the communication shall file a copy of the article with the commissioner of political practices, **together with the required information or statement**, at the time of its public distribution"- emphasis added). As he had also stated, once the relevant "paid for by" attribution statement is received, COPP will post it, along with your original message, on our website, so that the information is publicly available.

I hope this helps!

Scott Cook
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(406) 444-4627
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Hello, Emily. I hope you are well. The disclaimer law and exemption is contained in MCA 13-35-225. You provide most of information I need to grant the exemption to you. I can agree this is too small. You also provide us with the quantity and a picture. The remaining item is that you provide us with the actual

disclaimer that would have otherwise been required if the material (button) was not too small. This is the regular disclaimer you are currently using on all your other materials.

If you have any questions please feel free to call. Once I have your disclaimer I can approve the request and we post that information so the public is aware you complied.

Thank you. I appreciate you contacting us, and wish you a very nice day.

Chris

Chris J. Gallus, Commissioner
Montana Political Practices

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