

## Cook, Scott

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**From:** Amber Maltbie <amaltbie@nossaman.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 25, 2024 2:43 PM  
**To:** Gallus, Chris J.; Cook, Scott  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Small item attribution (text messages)

Hi Commissioner Gallus and Scott,

Please see a text message below that Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights intends to distribute this evening (10/25). Please confirm if COPP concurs that the following text message meets the small item exception pursuant to 13-35-225(3), MCA. If yes, the attribution statement is: "Paid for by Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights. Tara Veazey, Treasurer, PO Box 1047 Helena, MT 59624."

### INITIAL TEXT:

%FirstName%, this is %SenderFirstName% with %OrgName%. It is incredibly important that absentee ballots are mailed back ASAP or dropped off in person. Any ballots received after 8 PM on November 5th will NOT BE COUNTED. How do you plan to return your ballot?

### RESPONSES:

#### WILL MAIL BALLOT:

Okay, make sure you drop it off today or tomorrow! When filling out your ballot, don't forget to sign, date, and put it in the secrecy envelope.

#### WILL DROP BALLOT OFF:

Fantastic, dropping your ballot off in person guarantees it will be counted on election day. You can find your local county elections office address at <https://sosmt.gov/elections/absentee/> [[sosmt.gov](https://sosmt.gov/)].

#### SUPPORTIVE BUT NO ANSWER:

That is great, thank you so much for your support! To ensure your vote counts, please let us know how you plan to return your absentee ballot?

#### WILL VOTE ON ELECTION DAY:

Okay, polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM on election day. You must bring valid photo ID with you. You can find your local polling location at [voterportal.mt.gov](https://voterportal.mt.gov).

#### HAS NOT RECEIVED BALLOT:

You should definitely visit your local county elections office to discuss the issue and vote with an in-person absentee ballot, make sure you bring valid photo ID. You can find your local county elections office address at <https://sosmt.gov/elections/absentee/> [[sosmt.gov](https://sosmt.gov/)].

#### UNDECIDED ON 128:

Ballot initiative CI-128 protects the rights of all Montanans to make their own healthcare decisions, free from political interference. Sensitive decisions about pregnancy should be left to patients and their doctors, not politicians. Learn more here: <https://mtreproprights.org/> [[mtreproprights.org](https://mtreproprights.org/)]

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**From:** Amber Maltbie  
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**To:** 'Gallus, Chris J.' <[Christopher.Gallus@mt.gov](mailto:Christopher.Gallus@mt.gov)>; Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Small item attribution (text messages)

Thank you!

Amber

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**To:** Amber Maltbie <[amaltbie@nossaman.com](mailto:amaltbie@nossaman.com)>; Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Small item attribution (text messages)

Amber,

I hope you are well. I concur. Thank you for your compliance with this particular code provision. If Scott sees any additional requirements, he can advise you of that, but I view this as being compliant.

Best of my regards,

Chris

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**From:** Amber Maltbie <[amaltbie@nossaman.com](mailto:amaltbie@nossaman.com)>  
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**Cc:** Gallus, Chris J. <[Christopher.Gallus@mt.gov](mailto:Christopher.Gallus@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Small item attribution (text messages)

Hi Scott,

I am writing on behalf of Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights (MSRR) to seek COPP's concurrence that the following text message meets the small item exception pursuant to 13-35-225(3), MCA. If COPP agrees, the attribution statement is: "Paid for by Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights. Tara Veazey, Treasurer, PO Box 1047 Helena, MT 59624." The text messages are scheduled to be distributed tomorrow (**10/22**).

**Initial Message:**

%FirstName%, this is %SenderFirstName% with %OrgName%. Election day is two weeks away and reproductive rights are on the ballot, can we count on you to vote YES on CI-128? %OptOut%

**Supportive Response:**

Great! Do you have a plan to cast your vote?

**Will vote on E-day:**

Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM on election day. You must bring valid photo ID with you. You can find your local polling location at [voterportal.mt.gov](http://voterportal.mt.gov).

**Will vote by mail:**

Fantastic! We strongly encourage you to vote ASAP. When filling out your ballot, don't forget to sign, date, and put it in the secrecy envelope.

**Will vote early:**

Fantastic! You can find the address of your local county elections office at <https://sosmt.gov/elections/absentee/> [[sosmt.gov](http://sosmt.gov)].

**Already Voted**

That is incredible! Thank you for being such an active participant in our democracy. Encourage your friends, family, and community members to vote early also.

**Unclear:**

It is important that all CI-128 supporters cast their ballots this year to ensure reproductive rights remain protected in Montana. For more information about voting procedures, visit [voteinmt.org](http://voteinmt.org) [[voteinmt.org](http://voteinmt.org)]

**Unsure Response:**

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**Not Voting Response:**

I totally understand, however, if there is one reason to vote this cycle, it is to protect reproductive rights for future generations of Montanans. I hope you will consider participating in the election and voting YES on CI-128.

Thank you,

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