

## Cook, Scott

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**From:** Amber Maltbie <amaltbie@nossaman.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2024 3:35 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 (Monday, 10/28). 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." Approximately 20,000 text messages will be sent.

### **Initial Message:**

%FirstName%, this is %SenderFirstName% with %OrgName%. Medical decisions about pregnancy are private and not the business of the government. CI-128 makes sure that our communities are able to make informed decisions about reproductive healthcare. Can we count on your support for CI-128?

### **Supportive Response:**

That is great to hear, thank you so much for your support. How do you plan to cast your vote during this election cycle?

### **ALREADY VOTED:**

Thank you for being such an active member of our democracy! You can check the status of your ballot at [voterportal.mt.gov](https://voterportal.mt.gov) to ensure it has been received and will be counted. Make sure to remind your friends, family, and other community members to vote until November 5th!

### **WILL MAIL BALLOT:**

With election day only 1 week away, we are encouraging folks to drop off their ballots in person, at their local county elections office. That way your ballot will definitely 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). If you mail your ballot back but it arrives after 8 PM on election day, it will not be counted.

### **WILL DROP BALLOT OFF:**

Fantastic, dropping your ballot off in person at your local county elections office 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). If you are unable to drop your ballot off, or need assistance, call (844) 406-8683 to receive assistance.

### **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/)].

**UNREGISTERED:**

You can still register to vote in person at your county elections office up until election day. You will need to bring ID. Do you know where the county elections office is located? Do you have ID?

**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://mtreprorights.org/> [[mtreprorights.org](https://mtreprorights.org/)].

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you need additional information.

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