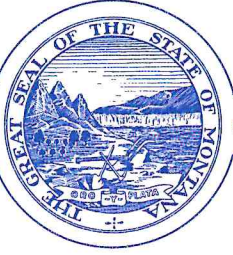


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Subject: Complaint received May 28, 2024; *Dodd v. Nikolakakos*, COPP-2024-CFP-024

Jeni,

I hope you are well. This letter acknowledges the receipt of the formal attribution complaint submitted by yourself to the Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP) on May 28, 2024.

The submitted complaint alleges violation of Montana's 'paid for by' attribution requirements, which fall under my jurisdiction under Montana Code Annotated (MCA) Title 13, Chapter 35. I have also determined that it conforms to the basic requirements of 44.11.106 ARM. Basically, you have met the requirement that a written notarized complaint within the jurisdiction of COPP was delivered to the agency. Consequently, COPP will send a letter notifying the named respondent (Melissa Nikolakakos) of the attribution complaint as well as a copy of the complaint. Please note that, as formal attribution complaint, this office will contact the respondent and work with them to bring unattributed material into compliance in the time and manner provided under MCA §13-35-225(5) and (6).

If an investigation is conducted, a summary of facts and statement of findings will be prepared, and a copy will be sent to you. This generally forms the basis as to whether the matter is going to be pursued further, which then involves referring the matter to the local county attorney. Any candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee who fails to bring unattributed material into compliance as required is subject to a civil penalty pursuant to MCA §13-37-128.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris J. Gallus".

Chris J. Gallus
Commissioner of Political Practices