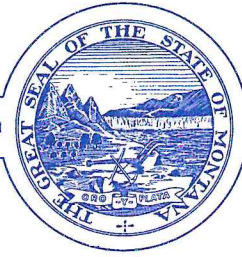


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What the Funk 406  
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Subject: Complaints received May 2, 2023; What the Funk 406  
v Gist, COPP-2023-CFP-007

Dear Agent Taylor:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your formal Campaign Finance and Practices (CFP) complaint, received by this Office on May 2, 2023.

Your signed and certified CFP complaint alleges violation of Montana election law, more particularly Mont. Code Ann. § 13-35-205. You included a letter and other information supporting your allegations that this statute was violated, which I am incorporating with your complaint. I have also determined that this complaint conforms to the basic requirements of 44.11.106 ARM. Consequently, a letter and copy of the complaint is being sent to the respondent listed above requesting that they provide a written response to this office and retain pertinent records pending further investigation of this matter.

I will review any additional materials relevant to the complaint, including any response, for any deficiencies pursuant to 44.11.106 ARM, law, and prior relevant rulings and reserve the right to dismiss the complaint upon this initial inquiry. If this occurs, I will notify you and provide a basis for the dismissal. Alternatively, upon this further review, I may determine that a formal investigation is warranted. 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.

Regards,

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

Chris J. Gallus  
Commissioner of Political Practices