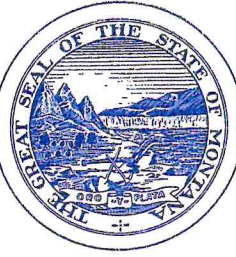


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Subject: Complaint received July 24, 2023; Gaub via Montana Freedom  
Caucus v. Representative Zooey Zephyr COPP-2023-CFP-010.

Dear Darin,

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your formal Campaign Finance and Practices (CFP) complaints, received by this Office on July 24, 2023. Your signed and sworn complaint alleges violation of Montana election law under my jurisdiction as Commissioner of Political Practices, and also appears to conform to the basic requirements of 44.11.106 ARM. Consequently, I will accept it as filed.

Pursuant to the established process, your complaint and letters are being sent to the person named in your complaint (respondent) listed above. I am 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 this complaint for any deficiencies pursuant to 44.11.106 ARM, law, and prior relevant COPP 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 Gallus  
Commissioner of Political Practices