

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES (COPP)

In re: DARRIN GAUB v. MT UNITED PAC, Montanans for Fair Taxation, and candidates Kyle McMurray, Scott Sales, Randyn Gregg, and Michelle Binkley	COPP-2024-CFP-025 ORDER OF DISMISSAL
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 8, 2024, Darrin Gaub of Helena, MT, filed a campaign practices complaint against political committees MT UNITED and Montanans for Fair Taxation, and candidates for the Montana House of Representatives, Kyle McMurray, Scott Sales, Randyn Gregg, and Michelle Binkley. The complaint met the requirements of Admin. R. Mont. (ARM) 44.11.106 and alleged violations of statutes which fall under my jurisdiction as Commissioner of Political Practices. Therefore, I accepted it as filed and requested a response from each of the named committees and candidates. Each respondent timely filed a response and COPP subsequently conducted an investigation in accordance with Mont. Code Ann. (MCA) § 13-37-111.

In this matter, the Commissioner dismissed each of the allegations raised in the complaint but determined that the C-2 Statement of Organizations filed by political committees, MT UNITED and Montanans for Fair Taxation, did not include the names of candidates supported or opposed by the committees in compliance with ARM 44.11.201(1)(f). Consequently, on September 25, 2024, the Commissioner issued a Dismissal Contingent on Corrective Action (Decision), dismissing all allegations raised in the complaint but requiring the corrective action on the part of MT UNITED and Montanans for Fair Taxation.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION

The Decision in this matter required MT UNITED and Montanans for Fair Taxation to amend each of their respective C-2 Statements of Organization to name the candidates they are

organized to support or oppose. On September 26, 2024, Montanans for Fair Taxation amended their C-2 Statement of Organization to indicate their support for nine named candidates. Likewise, on October 30, 2024, MT UNITED amended their C-2 Statement of Organization to indicate their support for 15 named candidates and their opposition to two named candidates.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner has determined that all corrective action has been satisfactorily completed by MT UNITED and Montanans for Fair Taxation. Consequently, the above-named matter is fully resolved, and all allegations are fully dismissed.

Dated, this 10th day of February, 2025,



Chris J. Gallus
Commissioner of Political Practices
State of Montana