

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES (COPP)

In re: BUSSE FOR MONTANA (via Emily Harris) v. GREG GIANFORTE (GREG FOR MONTANA)	COPP-2024-CFP-029 ORDER OF DISMISSAL
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 6, 2024, Busse for Montana, Ryan Busse’s 2024 gubernatorial campaign, filed a campaign practices complaint against Greg for Montana, the 2024 gubernatorial campaign of current Montana Governor, Greg Gianforte. 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 Greg for Montana. Greg for Montana 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 several allegations but determined sufficient evidence supported other violations. Ultimately, in accordance with the authority provided by MCA § 13-37-124, the Commissioner determined those matters were not justified for prosecution and were best resolved by corrective action. Consequently, on October 3, 2024, the Commissioner issued a Dismissal Contingent on Corrective Action (Decision).

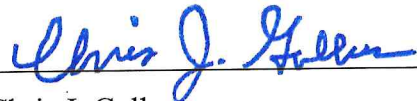
CORRECTIVE ACTION

The Decision in this matter required Greg for Montana to amend several C-5 finance reports to include additional details regarding expenditures for travel, specifically to include the campaign purpose for travel by employees of, or volunteers for Greg for Montana. On October 2, 2024, Greg for Montana amended four C-5 reports to include the required details for five travel related expenditures.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner has determined that all corrective action has been satisfactorily completed by Greg for Montana. 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