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**From:** Gallus, Chris J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 3:16 PM  
**To:** C.B. Pearson; Cook, Scott  
**Subject:** Re: Amendments to Pearson v. Missoula Organization of Realtors, National Association of Realtors Fund, and Missoula Mayor political committee, COPP-2023-CFP-011

C.B.,

While I do indeed prefer that further substantive additions be in the form of a new complaint, I do not want to dissuade you from submitting any factual evidence you believe bolsters the original complaint you filed, as now amended. In my view amending the complaint triggers an additional opportunity to respond thereby extending the process. If you have comments or concerns in that regard please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your understanding and continued attention to this important matter.

Best regards,

Chris

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Amendments to Pearson v. Missoula Organization of Realtors, National Association of Realtors Fund, and Missoula Mayor political committee, COPP-2023-CFP-011

Thank you Scott – I acknowledge receipt.

CB

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**From:** Cook, Scott <SCook3@mt.gov>  
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C.B.:

This Memo acknowledges the receipt of your August 17, 22, and 29, 2023 email messages sent to myself and Commissioner Gallus, providing additional information or documentation you wish to include with the original complaint in the matter of *Pearson v. Missoula Organization of Realtors, National Association of Realtors Fund, and Missoula Mayor political committee*, COPP-2023-CFP-011. After consideration, Commissioner Gallus has accepted each as an Amendment to the original complaint.

Pursuant to the established process, a copy of each complaint Amendment will be sent to the Missoula Organization of Realtors (MOR), National Association of Realtors/NAR Fund, and the Missoula Mayor political committee. Per Mont. Code Ann. § 13-37-111, Commissioner Gallus is requesting each party provide a supplemental written response specifically addressing your complaint Amendments. By accepting your three Amendments to the original complaint, Commissioner Gallus feels it best that each party be provided a chance to again respond directly in writing. Please note that this may lengthen the time required to reach a final agency determination in this matter.

Going forward, additional requests to Amend this complaint in this manner will not be accepted. Any additional or future alleged violations of election law under my jurisdiction would need to be addressed via a new CFP Complaint filed with this Office.

The process and procedure by which this Office will review and address this complaint continues as outlined in the Commissioner's original August 4 letter. As always, please feel free to contact either the Commissioner or myself with questions regarding the formal CFP Complaint process.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this important matter.

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