

## Cook, Scott

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**From:** Mary Stranahan <montanavaluesactionfund@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 7:16 PM  
**To:** Cook, Scott  
**Cc:** Gallus, Chris J.; Hendricksen-Scott, Shelley  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: New Complaint Received by COPP: Leas v. Montana Values Action Fund, COPP-2025-CFP-005

Greetings Commissioner Gallus, Mr. Cook, and Ms. Hendricksen - Scoot,

I apologize for not responding to this complaint sooner, as I have been traveling and have not checked this email. I'm sharing our response to the filed complaint below.

Montana Values Action Fund filed our opening C2 State of Organization in June of 2020, and has filed all subsequent C6, including the one due Aug 30, 2025, that covers the time period from 7/26/25 to 8/24/25.

Montana Values Action Fund made a contribution to Yes for Helena Kids on 8/26/25, and this contribution will be reported in our next C6 filing that covers the period of 8/25/25 to 9/25/25, which is due on 9/30/25.

Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Best,  
Mary

On Fri, Sep 5, 2025 at 8:45 AM Cook, Scott <[SCook3@mt.gov](mailto:SCook3@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Treasurer Stranahan/Montana Values Action Fund,

Please see the attached copy of *Leas v. Montana Values Action Fund*, COPP-2025-CFP-005, a formal Campaign Finance and Practices (CFP) Complaint submitted to COPP and initially accepted by Montana Commissioner of Political Practices Chris Gallus. A letter from Commissioner Gallus generally outlining the complaint process and requesting the committee provide a written response to the allegation/s contained in the complaint is also attached.

As a courtesy, hard (paper) copies of these documents will be sent via U.S. Mail. Due to the proximity of the upcoming September 9, 2025 municipal (city) primary election, this complaint will be publicly posted to COPP's agency website later today (September 5, 2025).

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