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**To:** CPP Compliance  
**Cc:** Susan G. McCreary  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kessler III v. McCreary, COPP-2024-CFP-012 Written Response of Susan McCreary  
**Attachments:** Signed Declaration Susan McCreary.pdf

Dear Mr. Gallus:

Attached is the signed response by Susan McCreary that your office has requested in regard to the above referenced complaint.

Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,  
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## DECLARATION OF SUSAN G. McCREARY

I, Susan G. McCreary, declare as follows:

I am 81 years of age and a homeowner and resident of Stevensville, Montana.

I am not, nor have I ever been, a Campaign Manager for Wayne Rusk, who is a Representative of HW 88 and candidate for SD44.

In April of this year (the exact date I do not recall) as I was preparing to enter C.J.'s Restaurant for breakfast, I witnessed a political campaign sign of candidate Kim Dailey which was placed directly in front of and which was obstructing the political campaign sign of candidate Wayne Rusk.

I asked Jon (the owner of C.J.'s Restaurant) if anyone had received permission to place Ms. Dailey's sign where it was then located, and he responded that no one had asked permission. Because Ms. Dailey's sign was obstructing another candidate's sign, I asked Jon if I could remove it, and he gave me consent to do so.

On the same date I witnessed another political sign of Ms. Dailey, again placed directly in front of, and completely obstructing the political sign of Wayne Rusk. I left a written note for Jon stating that I had removed Ms. Dailey's second sign, but that I would return it if she had consent to place the sign where it was.

As I removed the sign, Kim Dailey and her friend, Deborah Tilden, came out of C.J.'s and asked me why I removed Ms. Dailey's sign. Ms. Dailey stated she had obtained permission from Cody (last name unknown), the owner of Kodiak Jax's Restaurant to place her sign where it was.

I asked Ms. Dailey why she placed her sign directly in front of, and obstructing, Wayne Rusk's sign, and she refused to answer.

I replaced Ms. Dailey's sign in a location near candidate Greg Overstreet's sign, where it did not obstruct any other sign. All the while, Ms. Dailey and Ms. Tilden were shouting at me and filming my actions.

I now realize I should not have removed the first sign from the lawn area at C.J.'s Restaurant. I meant no malice by my actions, I only wanted to remove the obstruction of another candidate's sign. I have since personally delivered the sign to Ravalli County Attorney Bill Fullbright.

Other political signs have since been removed or moved by a person or persons unknown to me. I spoke to candidate Greg Overstreet about the missing or moved signs, and then attempted to report the thefts to the new Chief of Police, John Boe, but he was in conference with Ms. Dailey. A deputy took my statement.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 at Stevensville, Montana.



SUSAN G. McCREARY