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Chris Gallus
Montana Commissioner of Political Practices
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Dear Commissioner Gallus:


I am writing in response to the complaint filed by Shelia Hogan. After consulting with counsel, I have been advised I am not eligible to run for House District 31. My residence is located at 282 Britzman Road. It is my understanding 282 Britzman Road is located in House District 32.

It was not my intention to file for office in the wrong district. Prior to filing, I consulted the Montana Secretary of State's voter portal online at <http://prodvoterportal.mt.gov/WhereToVote.aspx> and entered my home address to determine my district. Attached are copies of screenshots showing the information I consulted. I also was able to see maps showing the location of the district boundaries around this same time at <https://davesredistricting.org> which I believed confirmed that my home, at that time, was located in District 31. I do not, unfortunately, have copies of any screenshots of the maps displayed on that website at that point in time. Based upon my review of all of this information, I believed I lived in House District 31. After filing, I concluded I should withdraw. I took paperwork to the Valley County Elections Office to withdraw from office. However, nothing happened. Thus, I concluded I could continue with my campaign. I have subsequently been advised I needed to file the paperwork with the Montana Secretary of State in order to withdraw.

I sincerely apologize for the mistake. I have never run for the Montana Legislature before and I do not fully understand all of the rules and requirements related to running for office. It was not my intention to engage in a deceptive election practice.

Lastly, the complaint makes reference to another location in Glasgow. That address is the location of my business. I receive all of my mail at that address. I have never lived at 1138 Cherry Creek Street.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Taylor