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Janet Bierer
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Subject: Complaint received April 20, 2020; Bierer v. Manzella,
COPP-2020-ETH-REJ-002

Janet:

I write in response to your complaint, received by this Office on April 20, 2020. I am returning your original complaint with this letter because the complaint does not assert an ethics violation over which this Office would maintain jurisdiction. Similarly, the complaint does not assert a campaign finance or practices violation.

The specific statutes you have referenced in your complaint are not areas where the COPP maintains jurisdiction to uphold or otherwise is provided with enforcement abilities. Similarly, the COPP does not have any enforcement abilities regarding the recent 'stay at home' directives you have referenced. Please see Montana Code Annotated Title 2, Chapter 2, Part 1 for Montana's Code of Ethics, certain aspects of which the COPP does have enforcement responsibilities over. See also Montana Code Annotated Title 13, Chapters 35 and 37, which lay out Montana campaign finance and practices requirements for candidates and political committees and represent statutes where the COPP maintains enforcement.

I thank you for thinking of our Office. Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Mangan".

Jeffrey A. Mangan
Commissioner of Political Practices