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Complaint Form (08/17)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name: Secretary of State
Complete Mailing Address: 1301 E 6th Ave, Helena, Montana 59601
Phone Numbers: Work 406-444-2034, Home

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name: MontPIRG
Complete Mailing Address: 141 Corbin Hall, Missoula, MT 59812, 1820 West Lincoln Street, Bozeman, MT 59715
Phone Numbers: Work 406-243-2908, Home 406-243-2908

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alledged violation.

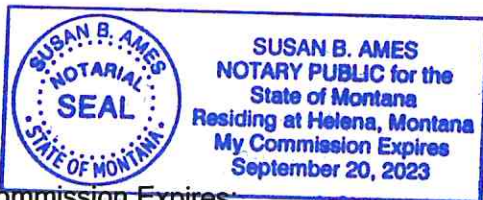
Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark

I, Dana Corson, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SEAL)

Dana Corson
Signature of Complainant



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 2022.

Susan B. Ames
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

See attached.

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

Commissioner Mangan,

MontPIRG, a third-party registrar, mailed and advised applicants to mail a voter registration to an address other than the county election administrator's address in the applicants' county of residence.

Mont. Code Ann. 13-35-604 provides:

13-35-604. Return of voter registration and absentee ballot applications. A third-party registrar may not mail or advise an applicant to mail a voter registration or absentee ballot application to any address other than the county election administrator's address in the applicant's county of residence.

As you are aware, the statute is specific to *an applicant*, and the number of violations is proportional to the number of applicants improperly mailed and/or advised. Our department and county election offices fielded numerous complaints from voters concerned over their privacy related to the MontPIRG's illegal voter registration activity.

With the proximity to the election, the activity ongoing, and the number of violations continue to increase, it is of paramount importance that your office promptly issues a sufficiency finding and sufficiency determination documenting regarding the MontPIRG's illegal voter registration activities.

Sincerely,
Election and Voter Services Division
Montana Secretary of State

Nonprofit Voter Registration Kit signup

MNA is partnering with MontPIRG to support nonprofits in registering voters in their communities!

Kits include:

- voter registration forms
- a secure box to collect forms from clients, volunteers, staff, visitors
- prepaid envelopes to return forms to MontPIRG on a monthly basis

MontPIRG will handle all administrative aspects of voter registration (following up with voters about missing information and returning forms to county elections offices).

Check out MNA's Voter Engagement webpage for more resources.



* Required

1. Organization Name *

2. Contact *

Montana Code Annotated 2021

TITLE 13. ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 35. ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN PRACTICES AND CRIMINAL PROVISIONS

Part 6. Montana Third-Party Voter Registration Integrity Act

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History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 249, L. 2013.