

**From:** [Richard Wood](#)  
**To:** [Cook, Scott](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: New Complaint received by COPP- Mitchell v Wood, COPP-2022-CFP-014  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 5:13:19 PM  
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[Respondent letter \(Wood\).pdf](#)

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Scott,

I have included a copy of communication with Deborah for the campaign finance report filing complaint by Mr. Mitchell. We also encountered issues with EPass transferring to OKTA and getting logged into that system with integration was quite cumbersome.

Lorena is not to blame for any of these issues. It was and is my complete responsibility.

The pursuit of office was an earnest endeavor to hear the constituents and represent them to the best of her ability. We really didn't know the politics before being elected to political office would be so grim and malicious from our opponent and party. Communication regarding delinquent finance report-

## Lorena Wood - C5 report due yesterday, 4/20/22

Inbox



Belford, Deborah <[Deborah.Belford@mt.gov](mailto:Deborah.Belford@mt.gov)>

Thu, Apr 21, 12:52 PM



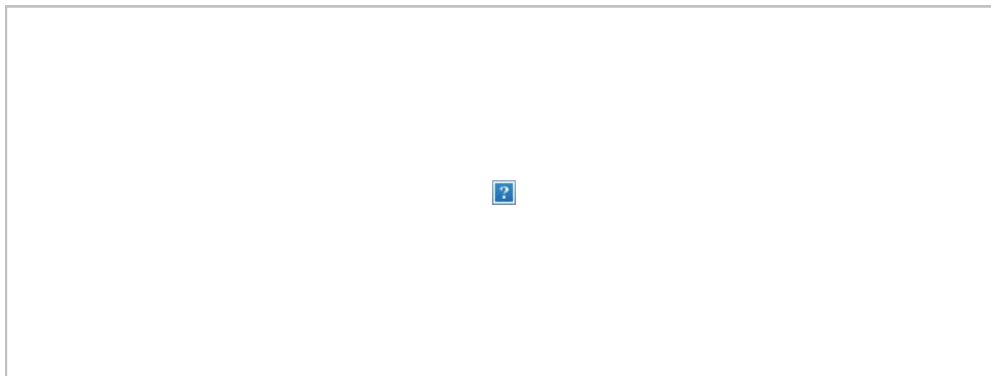
to Lorena, me



You need to file the C5 report!!! It is still pending, not filed!



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Thank you. Deb

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Thu, Apr 21, 1:02 PM



to Deborah



Deb.

So sorry. I really thought I filed yesterday. It sure showed they weren't. I believe it took this time.

Thank you for catching this!



Richard Wood

Treasurer

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Lorena Wood | MT House District 3

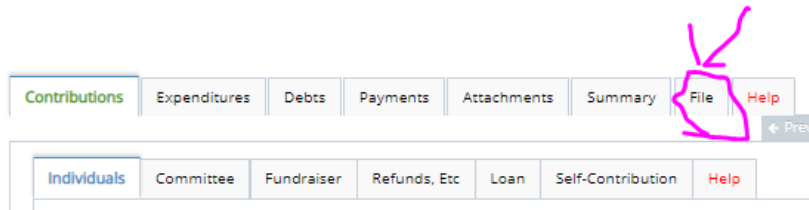
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On Thu, Apr 21, 2022 at 12:52 PM Belford, Deborah <[Deborah.Belford@mt.gov](mailto:Deborah.Belford@mt.gov)> wrote:

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The attribution findings I believe you stated are not an issue at this time; as the time has passed. We put out a total of 4 signs. I am surprised Mr. Mitchell or his team were able to find a sign since they were stolen everytime we put one up; even well within private property lines. Candidates received communication from Deborah on April 26th regarding attribution included below. We were educated at that time and refrained from placing additional signs without the attribution and Republican Party stickers we obtained. Attribution communication forwarded by Deborah Belford from yourself

Belford, Deborah <[Deborah.Belford@mt.gov](mailto:Deborah.Belford@mt.gov)>

Tue, Apr 26, 1:36 PM



to CPP



Greetings candidates and treasurers!

COPP Compliance Specialists would like to remind candidates and treasurers that paid campaign materials meant to support the candidate (such as yard signs, campaign mailers, or paid social media activity) require inclusion of the 'paid for by' attribution message. The attribution message must include the words 'paid for by' with the name and address of the candidate/candidate's campaign; if a partisan election, party affiliation is also required.

Consider the following example: candidate Spider Man of the Spider Party pays to produce and distribute campaign yard signs promoting his candidacy. To comply with Montana's attribution requirements, each yard sign would require an attribution message of 'paid for by' with candidate Spider Man's name, address, and partisan affiliation: "paid for by Spider Man, PO Box 1, Helena, MT, 59601, Spider Party". The attribution message should be easy to find on the yard sign (if the material is one sided, include the attribution message on the side containing the campaign message), and should have a sufficient text size and contrast to be clearly readable.

I hope this helps! See [13-35-225](#), Mont. Code Ann. and [44.11.601](#), ARM for full attribution requirements. Additional information regarding attribution is also available on the COP's website [here](#). As a courtesy, I have included the text of 13-35-225, Mont. Code Ann. in full, below.

If you have any questions, please call or email for more information.

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## Election Materials Not To Be Anonymous -- Notice -- Penalty

**13-35-225. Election materials not to be anonymous -- notice -- penalty.** (1) All election communications, electioneering communications, and independent expenditures must clearly and conspicuously include the attribution "paid for by" followed by the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication. The attribution must contain:

(a) for election communications or electioneering communications financed by a candidate or a candidate's campaign finances, the name and the address of the candidate or the candidate's campaign;

(b) for election communications, electioneering communications, or independent expenditures financed by a political committee or a joint fundraising committee, the name of the committee, the name of the committee treasurer, deputy treasurer, secretary, vice chairperson, or chairperson, as designated pursuant to [13-37-201\(2\)\(b\)](#), and the address of the committee or the named committee officer; and

(c) for election communications, electioneering communications, or independent expenditures financed by a political committee that is a corporation or a union, the name of the corporation or union, its chief executive officer or equivalent, and the address of the principal place of business.

**(2) Communications in a partisan election financed by a candidate, a political committee organized on the candidate's behalf, or a joint fundraising committee with a participant who is a candidate or a political committee organized on the candidate's behalf must state the candidate's party affiliation or include the party symbol.**

(3) If a document or other article of advertising is too small for the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) to be conveniently included, the candidate responsible for the material or the person financing the communication shall file a copy of the article with the commissioner of political practices, together with the required information or statement, at the time of its public distribution.

(4) If information required in subsections (1) and (2) is omitted or not printed or if the information required by subsection (3) is not filed with the commissioner, upon discovery of or notification about the omission, the candidate responsible for the material or the person financing the communication shall:

(a) file notification of the omission with the commissioner of political practices within 2 business days of the discovery or notification;

(b) bring the material into compliance with subsections (1) and (2) or file the information required by subsection (3) with the commissioner; and

(c) withdraw any noncompliant communication from circulation as soon as reasonably possible.

(5) Whenever the commissioner receives a complaint alleging any violation of subsections (1) and (2), the commissioner shall as soon as practicable assess the merits of the complaint.

(6) (a) If the commissioner determines that the complaint has merit, the commissioner shall notify the complainant and the candidate or political

committee of the commissioner's determination. The notice must state that the candidate or political committee shall bring the material into compliance as required under this section:

- (i) within 2 business days after receiving the notification if the notification occurs more than 7 days prior to an election; or
  - (ii) within 24 hours after receiving the notification if the notification occurs 7 days or less prior to an election.
- (b) When notifying the candidate or campaign committee under subsection (6)(a), the commissioner shall include a statement that if the candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee fails to bring the material into compliance as required under this section, the candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee is subject to a civil penalty pursuant to [13-37-128](#).

If you need anything else, feel free to contact me.

Thank You,



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Good morning,

Please see the attached copy of *Mitchell v Wood*, COPP-2022-CFP-014, a formal Campaign Finance and Practices (CFP) Complaint recently received by the COPP. A letter from Commissioner Mangan is also attached. Hard copies of these documents can be provided via U.S. Mail upon request.

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