

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF  
POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Bonogofsky v. Prouse No. COPP-2010-CFP-33	NOTICE OF COMPLAINT
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Debra Bonogofsky of Billings, Montana filed a complaint with this office on September 3, 2010. The complaint was filed against Dan Kennedy, a 2010 candidate for the Republican Party nomination to the Montana House of Representatives from HD 57. The complaint included an allegation of coordination against “Dan Kennedy and also the other (WTP) supported candidates...” Ms. Bonogofsky has been consulted and, directs that her complaint also be filed against Wes Prouse, a 2010 candidate for Republican Party nomination to the Montana Senate from SD 23.

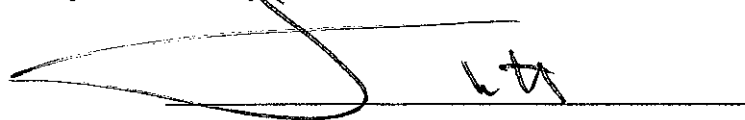
The Commissioner notes that this Office has completed investigations in 5 matters involving WTP supported candidates and issued 5 Decisions concerning coordination in 2010 primary election campaigns: *Bonogofsky v. Kennedy*, COPP 2010-CFP-015; *Washburn v. Murray*, COPP 2010-CFP-019; *Ward v. Miller*, COPP 2010-CFP-021; *Bonogofsky v. Boniek*, COPP-2010-CFP-027; and *Clark v. Bannan*, COPP 2010-CFP-023. These Decisions determined actions and evidence related to coordination and corporate contribution issues that are comparable to those raised in Ms. Bonogofsky’s complaint. Further, in the course of investigating the above Matters the Commissioner found and

reviewed a number of documents concerning additional 2010 campaigns, including documents concerning Candidate Prouse's 2010 primary campaign.

By this Notice Candidate Prouse and the public are informed that, pursuant to the Bongofsky complaint, as well as pursuant to the Commissioner's continuing investigative authority under §13-37-111(2)(a) MCA and 44.10.307(3) ARM, the Commissioner will now consider in this Matter the coordination/corporate contribution allegations and issues addressed by or inherent in the 5 Decisions listed above.

With the above described focus in mind, a copy of the Western Tradition Partnership/Direct Mail ledger for 2010 Candidate Prouse campaign is attached to this Notice. That document, at a minimum, introduces the 8 candidate letters that constitute a substantial part of the sufficiency findings in the 5 Decisions listed above. Candidate Prouse is invited to review the ledger and respond. After investigation and consideration of the issues involved in this Matter the Commissioner will issue a Decision.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Motl', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

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**ER CANDIDATE FOLDER:**

- Signature
- Letterhead
- Corner card (#10)
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- Letterhead Blue # 5200
- Letterhead Red # ~~2000~~ 2400
- Corner card (#10) Blue 5200
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- #9 # 1900

Category	Tier 1 Voters	House Ct.	PerPiece	House \$	COPY TO CAND	COPY APPROVED
Survey Mail Budget	3479 3309					
Letter with Survey		1169	0.5	\$936.00		
Letter		1750 - 1702	0.65	\$1,106.30		
Un'd voters (G)		1971 2267	0.45	\$1,020.15		
GUN		576				
LIFE		497				
TAX		544				
TAX/RTW		357				
Totals		1914 1872	0.45	\$842.40		
				\$3,904.85		

Category	T1 Abs vtrs=	to whom?	House Ct.	PerPiece	House \$
Chase	1401				
				0.5	\$-
				0.65	\$-
				0.38	\$-
Total Abs:					\$-

<b>TOTAL</b>	\$3,904.85	Deposit:	\$1,952.43
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