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**Complaint Form** (10/09)

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

**Person bringing complaint (Complainant):**

Complete Name Richard "Rick" Hawk  
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 786  
Kalispell, MT 59903  
Phone Numbers: Work 406-253-4439 Home \_\_\_\_\_

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

Complete Name Montana Trap Free  
Complete Mailing Address montanatrapfree@gmail.com  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Numbers: Work 406-686-6292 Home \_\_\_\_\_

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

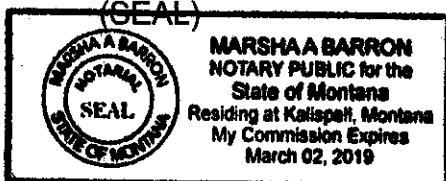
**Verification by oath or affirmation**

State of Montana, County of Flathead

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

[Signature]

Signature of Complainant



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April, 2016.

Marsha A Barron

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 03/02/2019

**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.

I believe that Trapfree Montana has violated 13-27-102 MCA by advertizing via the enclosed document "WORK FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION".

Two sections of the enclosed document appear to be violations: "the goal of 15+ signatures per hour" (at the advertized compensation of \$10.00 per hour), and "raises for outstanding production"

My desired remedy is to have all signatures collected for Initiative I-177 declared invalid.

I would also like personal notice of your decision.

Thank you.

Rick Hawk

**Complaints must be:**

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

# Montana Code Annotated 2015

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**13-27-102. Who may petition and gather signatures.** (1) A petition for the initiative, the referendum, or to call a constitutional convention may be signed only by a qualified elector of the state of Montana.

(2) A person gathering signatures for the initiative, the referendum, or to call a constitutional convention:

- (a) must be a resident, as provided in [1-1-215](#), of the state of Montana; and
- (b) may not be paid anything of value based upon the number of signatures gathered.

**History:** En. 37-116 by Sec. 2, Ch. 342, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 37-116(part); amd. Sec. 5, Ch. 481, L. 2007.

*Provided by Montana Legislative Services*

# Work for Wildlife Conservation!

**A wildlife conservation organization** is seeking signature gatherers in the Kalispell/Whitefish areas.

If you are outgoing and care about safe public lands free of commercial and recreational traps which cause suffering and endanger our pets and wildlife, this job is for you. Experience helps.

## **Work schedule:**

Work an average of 6 hours/day or the equivalent, for a total of 200 hours or 33 days per signature gatherer. Helpful to be willing to commit to the job to completion of 200 hours. Duration: February-mid May.

## **Expectations:**

The desired goal is that a signature gatherer collects an average of 15+ valid signatures/hour from MT registered voters.

In order to achieve this goal, a signature gatherer will have to seek out events, or places with steady foot traffic and large groups of people. Therefore, work hours are flexible and include evenings and/or weekends.

Signature gatherers will work with a coordinator to ensure that the desired outcome of qualifying I-177 for the Montana ballot is achieved.

Signature gatherers must be approachable by looking clean and being well dressed. Signature gatherers must also be respectful and friendly to people while collecting signatures.

## **Compensation:**

\$10 per hour with raises for outstanding production.

## **Applicant Requirements:**

Applicants must be MT residents and have a means of transportation. The successful applicant will possess a positive attitude, strong understanding of the initiative, good communications skills, a passion to end recreational and commercial trapping on Montana's public lands. Experience with grassroots efforts a plus.

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**Statewide Information:** Wildlife conservation organization is seeking to hire 15 motivated signature gatherers. For more information, and to apply, please contact [montanatrappfree@gmail.com](mailto:montanatrappfree@gmail.com) or call 406-686-6292. Thank you.