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Marian Carol Jensen, Chair Butte Silver Bow Democratic Central Committee 3113 S. Dakota St. Butte, MT 59701

Subject: Complaint received May 31, 2012

Dear Ms. Jensen,

I've carefully reviewed the complaint you filed against Daniel O'Neill.

To be valid under Montana's campaign complaint rules, a complaint must include specific reference to the statute that's alleged to have been violated. A complaint should be filed together with any evidentiary material. (44.10.307(2), ARM.) An investigation is not required if the complaint is too indefinite. (44.10.307(3)(a), ARM.)

I'm not able to accept jurisdiction over a complaint that fails to meet the sufficiency requirements of 44.10.307, ARM. You do have the opportunity to re-file the complaint. I'm enclosing a handout that lists the requirements. The relevant statutes and rules are available on our website. If you have trouble with the website, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely Yours,

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