

**Campaign Finance and Practices
Complaint Form**

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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.

Complaints must be:

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

The Gubernatorial campaign for Rick Hill (AKA A Lot of Folks for Rick Hill) has received contributions well above the aggregate limit provided for in MCA §13-37-216. The Hill campaign has not monitored contributions from Political Party committees as required by ARM 44.10.333. The documentary evidence supporting these allegations includes a press release issued today by the Hill campaign stating that it recently received a contribution from the Montana Republican Party of \$500,000. The campaign had already accepted the maximum allowable contribution from political parties in prior reporting periods. A copy of the press release is attached.

Also attached is a "draft" Commissioner of Political Practices filing which was released by Hill this morning. This "draft" filing documents numerous other violations of MCA §13-37-216.

From: Brock Lowrance <brock@rickhillforgovernor.com>
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Subject: Rick Hill for Governor Announces Another Strong Fundraising Period

Rick Hill for Governor Announces Another Strong Fundraising Period
Over \$680,000 raised since September 6th

Helena, MT -- In anticipation of the upcoming fundraising reports filed with the Office of Political Practices, Rick Hill for Governor announced over \$685,000 raised since the period beginning September 6th.

The total includes over \$175,000 in contributions from individuals and a \$500,000 contribution from the Montana Republican Party. The contribution from the Montana Republican Party was made during the period that Montana's contribution limits were lifted after being deemed unconstitutional by U.S. District Court Judge Lovell.

"We're proud of the fundraising success we have had, and appreciate the generosity of the Montana Republican Party, who just like thousands of Montanans, is committed to electing Rick Hill as our next governor," said Brock Lowrance, spokesman for Rick Hill's campaign.

With no legitimate primary opponent and large amounts of financial support from out-of-state special interests, Steve Bullock had amassed a sizeable fundraising advantage over Hill. That now, has changed.

"Since Bullock had created a straw-man primary opponent so he could skirt the rules and raise more money, our campaign walked into the general election with a severe disadvantage. Bullock has raised over \$425,000 from out-of-state donors and has taken over \$40,000 from the Montana Democratic Party. Our latest fundraising success has helped us close that gap and compete on a fair playing field," said Lowrance.

"In the days ahead, we look forward to continuing to communicate Rick's positive message of creating more better-paying jobs and permanent property tax relief for all Montanans," said Lowrance.

ATTACHED: RICK HILL FOR GOVERNOR DRAFT C-5 SCHEDULE A

FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES

The attached report is a preliminary report only. With the reporting period ending today, October 17th, there are still contributions being collected and processed. The final cash-on-hand, contributions received, and expenditures numbers could change as the report becomes finalized.

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