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September 11, 2008

Jeffrey T. Patterson 13400 Turah Road Clinton, MT 59825

Subject: Complaint received May 8, 2008

I have carefully reviewed the complaint you filed against Missoula Mayor John Engen. As you know, the office of the Missoula County Attorney conducted an investigation of this matter shortly after your complaint was filed. By letter dated May 20, 2008, Deputy County Attorney Michael Sehestedt advised you of his conclusion that the statutes cited in your complaint were not violated.

In addition to the complaint and the letter from Mr. Sehesdtedt, I have reviewed all of the relevant correspondence and documentation that has been provided to me by either you or the office of the Missoula County Attorney. This is to advise you that I agree with the analysis and conclusions set forth in Mr. Sehestedt's letter following his investigation of this matter. Therefore, your complaint is dismissed.

Dennis Unsworth

Commissioner

Copies: Fred Van Valkenburg

John Engen