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Re: Rejection of Request to Renew Advisory Opinion, COPP-2016-AO-009

Dear Mr. Marbut;

Having received and reviewed your request to renew the Commissioner's 2014 Advisory Opinion¹ regarding Candidate Surveys, the Commissioner hereby rejects your request pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 44.11.102(2)(b)(i)(B) which provides:

"The commissioner will not issue an advisory opinion, but will notify the inquirer of the determination, when a prior opinion has been rendered that addresses the fact and question presented in the subsequent request."

Id.

Mont. Admin R. 44.10.323(4) was transferred and amended to Mont. Admin R. 44.11.501(4), other than the change in citation to statute, the subsequent request does not state new facts or questions for the Commissioner's consideration since the previous advisory opinion dated April 8, 2014. Therefore, the Commissioner will not issue a new advisory opinion on the same facts and questions raised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaime MacNaughton".

Jaime MacNaughton
Attorney for the
Commissioner of Political Practices

¹<http://www.politicalpractices.mt.gov/content/5campaignfinance/2014AdvisoryOpinionMarbutCandidateSurveys.pdf>

I agree with this determination and afford it the full weight of the Commissioner's authority.

DATED 6th day of April, 2016.



Jonathan R. Motl
Commissioner of Political Practices