

Cook, Scott

From: Jeff Ruffatto <jruffatto@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Cook, Scott
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Attribution required on campaign materials
Attachments: campaign card.jpg

Dear Mr. Cook,

The attribution which should have been on my initial supply of campaign business cards (and will be on future orders) is as follows: paid for by Ruffatto for Commissioner, 3858 Hwy 78, Columbus, MT 59019.

I ordered 500 cards from Postnet in Billings on Dec. 20, 2021. The bulk of them were produced on Jan. 11, 2022 and began distribution the following day.

Attached is an image, front and back.

Thanks,
Jeff Ruffatto

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----- Original Message -----

On Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 at 12:58 PM, Cook, Scott <SCook3@mt.gov> wrote:

Jeff,

Thank you for reaching out to the COPP regarding 500 business cards produced/distributed by your campaign that do not include the 'paid for by' attribution message. Please send in a separate email only the attribution and business card information, including the number of items printed/distributed, the date the material was produced/distributed, and the quantity produced/distributed, and if possible photo/s of the material. Please also include the attribution message as it should have appeared on the material (for example: 'Paid for by Coffee for HD 1, PO Box 17, Helena, MT 59601').

Please be aware that COPP requires this information as a remedy to the attribution deficiency, and so that we may post it on the website and make it publicly available, as the material in question does require the full 'paid for by' message. Provision of the information requested above would in this specific instance put the material in compliance with the attribution requirements of [13-35-225\(4\), MCA](#). Going forward, please note that **ALL** material must include the attribution message directly on the material.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly via telephone or email. I can be reached at (406) 444-4627 or scook3@mt.gov. Thank you.

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