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Delivered via email to: dougekary@yahoo.com

Subject: Complaint received April 17, 2023; Kary v. Graves, COPP-2023-CFP-002A and Kary v. Hurst, COPP-2023-CFP-002B

Doug,

I hope you are well. This letter acknowledges the receipt of your formal attribution complaint, initially delivered to this Office via email on April 17, 2023. While filed on an Ethics complaint form, it will be considered as a Campaign Finance and Practices (CFP) complaint.

The complaint alleges violation of Montana's 'paid for by' attribution requirements, and I have determined that it conforms to the basic requirements of 44.11.106 ARM. Basically, you have met the requirement that a written notarized complaint within the jurisdiction of COPP was delivered to the agency. Consequently, a letter and copy of the complaint is being sent to each respondent listed above. Please note that, as a formal attribution complaint, this Office will contact each respondent listed above and work with them to remedy unattributed material, in the manner provided for under Mont. Code Ann. §13-35-225(5) and (6).

If an investigation is conducted, a summary of facts and statement of findings will be prepared, and a copy will be sent to you. This generally forms the basis as to whether the matter is going to be pursued further, which then involves referring the matter to the local county attorney. Any candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee who fails to bring unattributed material into compliance as required is subject to a civil penalty pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §13-37-128.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris J. Gallus".

Chris J. Gallus
Commissioner of Political Practices