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State of Montana  
Helena, MT

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In response to the complaint filed that was emailed to me late Thursday. Due the fact that you demanded my response on Tuesday morning I did not have time for counsel to review my answers. I believe that I have followed the letter of the law. I do, however, admit that I made one error which I can correct by amending the August report.

1. Ending Bank Balance. I carefully followed the directions in the file sent to me by your staff to show funds transferred from the unspent funds from the primary election to the general election. I understand that summary is done by the software program and does not allow user input.
2. A. As directed by COPP staff, I refunded money from Richland County Central Committee, Galatin County Central Committee, and Park County Central Committee for over contributions for the General Election. The \$500 dollars from the Park County Central Committee referred to in the complaint is from the primary election.  
  
B. As allowed by law, I accepted \$450 from Gayleen Malone for the primary election and \$450 for the General election.  
  
C. I have only received \$400 from Mr. Walsh for the general election. Deposited on 8/23/2024 and was included in the September filing. I will correct the error of a second posting by amending the August report. Representative Walsh certainly knows the contribution limits.  
  
D. I received \$450 from the Montana Contractors Association for the primary election and \$450 from the same group for the general election as allowed by law.  
  
E. I received \$450 on 9/4/2024 from the Farm Bureau PAC for the general election. I received \$400 from the Farm Bureau PAC on April 19, 2024 for the primary election. They also are aware of the contribution limits.  
  
F. As allowed by law, I accepted \$450 from Ryan Malone for the primary election and \$450 for the General election.

G. As allowed by law, I accepted \$400 from Tom Barry for the primary election and \$450 for the General election.

3. I was not aware of the mailer sent out by the Montana Republican State Central Committee, they did not contact me by any method prior to the publication and mailing of the document. It was not authorized by my campaign.

Sincerely

Marty Malone  
Candidate for HD 57