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Mr. Chris Gallus
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Dear Mr. Gallus:

I am writing to provide my response to the complaint filed by Gina Reilly against me and the Mothers Against Filthy Flyers (MAFF) PAC. I do not believe that I engaged in any coordination as defined by Montana law but, nonetheless, in the interest in transparency, I want to provide a forthright and accurate response to the allegations.

During the course of the 2026 primary election, the School Freedom Fund of Washington DC and the Make Liberty Win PAC of Virginia, the Schreiber Campaign, and others sent multiple flyers into my district. Many of these mailers accused me of or, inferred, that I supported funding the gay rights agenda and/or transgender surgeries on minors. My wife, Connie Fitzpatrick, was deeply offended by these mailings and believed the content was harmful to children. She wanted to respond and went out and raised money to form a political action committee to respond to the allegations contained in the mailers. I did not ask her, direct her or instruct her to do this to assist my campaign.

After she decided to form MAFF, she prepared an advertisement to be used on the Facebook and in the newspapers. She thought the color scheme a bit bland and asked me to contact the graphic artist I had used to improve the visual imagery of the piece. I did that in an email to my graphic artist. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the email I sent to the graphic artist and Exhibit 2 shows the ad Connie prepared and wanted improved.

It is my understanding that the improved ad design was placed onto a Facebook page. MAFF also purchased newspaper advertising. Again, I did not ask, direct, or instruct Connie or any of the people associated with MAFF to make such expenditures to support my campaign.

I have always tried to run my campaigns in compliance with Montana law. The last election was very difficult for both me and my wife. It is not a lot of fun to be on the receiving end of tens of thousands of dollars of negative advertising and it was exceptionally difficult for

Connie. If I have learned anything in politics, it is that your family members experience negative advertising much worse than the candidate does. Regardless, if you believe that I have violated the law, I will take responsibility for my actions and seek to resolve the matter with your office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John S. Fitzpatrick

Exhibit I

Subject: MAFF poster

Date: May 12, 2026 at 8:31 AM MDT

From: confitz@bresnan.net<confitz@bresnan.net>

To: debbiejohns1212@yahoo.com

Hi Debbie,

Would you please class up this flyer for Connie. I think it needs a colored background and the border two colors - the puke green and puke yellow. Anything else you want to do to make it eye appealing is OK.

John

Exhibit 4



MAFF

MOTHERS AGAINST FILTHY FLYERS

Our homes are being polluted with disgusting, filthy flyers in support of these candidates. They care nothing about our children or promoting a positive environment for their growth. The flyers are obscene material, not appropriate for any age. A sign in your yard for any of these candidates is endorsing the filth.

Trish Schreiber HD 76

Mary Horman HD 55

Finley Warden HD 13

Linda Harmon HD 29

Kathy Love SD 43

Zachary Wirth SD 9

Randy Pinocci SD 12

Jedediah Hinkle HD 67

Randy Chamberlin HD 68

Kim Dailey HD 85

Mark Wicks SD 14

Shaun Pandina HD 4

Steve Galloway SD 11

Jeff Stanek HD 90

Caleb Hinkle SD 34

Trevor Walter HD 69

The filthy flyers are mailed to you from School Freedom Fund, Trish Schreiber, Finley Warden, and Accountability in State Government and none of the candidates above said stop the filth. Instead, they support having children lose their innocence.