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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature Person bringing complaint (Complainant): Complete Name Kathy Love 209 Peaceful Drive Complete Mailing Address Hamilton, MT 59840 Phone Numbers: Work 406-360-1878 Home Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent): Montana Republican Party MTGOP Complete Name PO Box 935 Complete Mailing Address Helena, MT 59624 406-442-6469 Phone Numbers: Work Home Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alledged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of , being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

> (SEAL) KEENAN BLATHERWICK NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana Residing at Helena, Montana My Commission Expires

July 30, 2025

Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

On March 29,2024 the MTGOP had a fundraiser in Hamilton, MT. It was advertised as the Western Montana Roundup and was held in order to raise money for the MTGOP to get Republicans elected. The event was held at the Ravalli County Fair grounds. (Exhibit 1) Ticket prices were \$50 each. (Exhibit 2). Approximately 300 people were in attendance, (Exhibit 3).

When searching the COPP report for the organization, there is not evidence of a COPP filing of this event and no accounting of the money raised or where that money went. The organizer, Tony Hudson, has repeatedly been overheard stating that over \$17,000 was made from this event.

When questioned about the event, the MTGOP submitted a list of 36 people in attendance in response to that request and claimed they only made \$5827 before expenses. (Exhibit 4) As you can see from the witness statement there were approximately 300 people in attendance at a cost of \$50 per person. That alone is 15,000 in ticket sales and does not include auction items and donations.

The people would like an account of how much was made on the event and where the money went. This violates MCA 13-37-229 Disclosure requirements.

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

Exhibit 1

This event has passed.

Western Montana Roundup

March 29, 2024 @ 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Mark your calendars for an evening event to support the Montana Republican Party!

The road to taking back our country runs through Montana, which means Republican victories will be crucial to taking back the White House and the US Senate. To make this happen, we need your support now more than ever. So please, join us for a fun night of dinner and good company in Hamilton, Montana.

The event is being held at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds (100 Old Corvallis Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840) and begins promptly at 4:30 P.M.

Secure your spot by purchasing your ticket online <u>HERE</u> or by sending a check to P.O. Box 935 Helena, MT 59624.

If you have any additional questions, please contact event organizer Tony Hudson at 406-550-1650.

DETAILS

VENUE

Date:

Exhibit 2



The road to taking back our country runs through Montana, which means Republican victories will be crucial to taking back the White House and the U.S. Senate. To make this happen, we need your support now more than ever.

So please, join us for a fun night of dinner and good company in Hamilton, Montana on March 29th at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds (100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton, MT 59840).

Doors open at 4:30 pm.

Ticketholder Name(s)*
\$50 - One Ticket
\$100 - Two Tickets
Other
Your contribution will benefit Montana Republican State Central Committee.
☐ I would like to cover the processing fee so 100% of my donation goes to Montana Republican State Central Committee
☐ Make this a monthly recurring donation



Exhibit 3

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message

3lenda Edgeworth <gedgeworth@aol.com> Fo: Kathy Love <0217klove@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 13, 2025 at 4:28 PN

I attended what was being called the The Montana Republican Party MT GOP 2024 Lincoln Reagan Dinner on March 29, 2024 at the Farmers State Building Fairgrounds in Hamilton, MT. Event Organizer Tony Hudson Save the American West. There was 300 people or more in attendance.

Glenda Edgeworth

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