

Mothers Against Filthy Flyers
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Chris Gallus
Montana Commissioner of Political Practices
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Helena, MT 59620

Dear Mr. Gallus:

This letter is our response to the complaint filed against our organization. The complaint alleges we have failed to file campaign finance forms as required by Montana law and engaged in coordination with John Fitzpatrick.

During the 2026 election, the School Freedom Fund sent multiple mailers around the State of Montana. As mothers, we were offended by these mailers and thought the mailers, if seen by children, were harmful. We are not experts in campaign finance law and the rules relating to coordination. We just wanted to do something to stop the effect of the mailers on Montana's most precious resource, the children. We apologize if we have broken the law and we want to work with you to come into compliance with the law.

For the campaign finance forms, we will file a C-6 form covering the time period from our inception to May 24, 2026. We did not have any expenditures above \$500 between May 25, 2026 and the date of primary election. We will file a final report covering the time period of May 25, 2026 through June 25, 2026 on or before June 30, 2026. We will mark this report as a closing report and close our bank account. It is our intention to close down this political action committee and cease all further operations.

For the coordination charges, John Fitzpatrick did not ask, direct, or instruct us to place any advertisements in support of his campaign. We made decisions where to advertise and we created the one advertisement ourselves. Our plan was to place ads in papers for all of the candidates but we didn't have enough time to raise the money needed. The ad was placed in the Seeley Swan Pathfinder and Post/Mail and on Facebook which circulated around the state in that manner.

Just because Connie Fitzpatrick is the wife of John Fitzpatrick, that does not mean coordination occurred. ARM 44.11.602 states a coordinated expenditure does not occur merely because of a personal or professional relationship between a candidate and other persons. Thus, the fact that we used mailers with Connie's address does not signify coordination. The mailers

were sent to Constance Fitzpatrick by the School Freedom Fund and were used as examples of the kind of inappropriate literature the Fund was sending into our homes.


For the attribution issue, we made a mistake on the address. The correct attribution for our address should have been the address listed on the C-2 form. We apologize for the error, but we believe this mistake is a minor error because the advertisements correctly identified our committee.

Lastly, Carolyn Radonich is the Treasurer and is not figurehead. She has access to the bank account and can write checks on our behalf.

We apologize if we have broken any campaign finance laws. It was not our intention or desire to violate any laws. We have never participated in the management of a political action committee before and we do not know all of the rules. We want to work with you to resolve this complaint. If there is a fine or penalty, Connie Fitzpatrick will pay any such fine or penalty on behalf of Mothers Against Filthy Flyers. We feel bad for causing this trouble for your office and trouble for John Fitzpatrick. Our only concern was for the welfare of the children of Montana.

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Connie Fitzpatrick


Carolyn Radonich