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Chris J. Gallus Commissioner of Political Practices 1209 Eighth Avenue P.O. Box 202401 Helena, MT 59620

RE: Love v. Montana Republican Party

COPP-2025-CFP-001

Dear Commissioner Gallus:

I represent the Montana Republican State Central Committee, also known as the Montana Republican Party ("MTGOP"). Please consider this letter MTGOP's response to the Complaint filed with your office by Kathy Love. The Complaint alleges that MTGOP held a fundraising event on March 29, 2024, and that a report of the funds raised and expenses was not submitted to the Commissioner of Political Practices by MTGOP. Specifically, the Complaint alleges: "When searching the COPP report for the organization, there is no evidence of a COPP filing of this event and no accounting of the money raised or where the money went."

As noted on Exhibit 1 of the Complaint, which is an advertisement for the event, the MTGOP stated: "The road to taking back our country runs through Montana, which means Republican victories will be crucial to taking back the White House and U.S. Senate." This notice clearly stated that this event constituted a fundraiser for federal funds. As such, donations and expenditures related to this event were reported in MTGOP's FEC report in accordance with FEC rules and regulations.

MTGOP responds to the Complaint by stating that it has followed all required federal reporting requirements and, because this fundraiser was for federal funds, no state reporting requirements applied. MTGOP has complied with all applicable laws, and this Complaint should be dismissed.

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Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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