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Complete Name Montana Human Rights Network
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I, Bernard J. Harrington, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SEAL)

Bernard J. Harrington
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 2010.

Monica Ferguson
Notary Public

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Attachment to Complaint against Montana Human Rights Network.

Montana Human Rights Network is in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 13-37-225 for failing to include the required “paid for by” disclaimer on its internet publications regarding its involvement in the I-164 400% Interest is Too High Campaign. See the attached printouts of Montana Human Rights Network’s webpages, specifically its Facebook page containing election material absent the statutorily required disclosure. Each day that these election materials have been available on the internet advocating support of the ballot issue constitutes a separate violation of Montana’s Elections and Campaign Practices chapter. Montana Human Rights Network may claim that its coverage constitutes an exception to the statutory definition of “contribution”; however, that claim is misplaced because the bona fide news story exception to the definition of “contribution” requires that the story be “distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication of general circulation.” Mont. Code Ann. § 13-1-101(7)(b)(ii). Certainly, this website is not a newspaper, magazine or periodical of general circulation, and these postings are clearly advocating for passage of I-164.

As evidenced by press coverage and the length of time that the proponents have been publicly promoting this ballot issue, complainant is under the belief and therefore alleges that if investigation of Montana Human Rights Network took place, one would find unreported resources have been utilized in support of the ballot issue. The dates of reported contributions in the C-4 reports show that Montana Human Rights Network is also in violation of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 13-37-229; 13-37-230 and ARM 44.10.411, which require reporting of all contributions to a ballot issue and all expenditures made on behalf of a ballot issue. The amounts reported by the Montana Human Rights Network on its C-4 Incidental Committee Finance Reports filed to date do not match the contributions reported by the 400% Interest is Too High – Cap the Rate ballot committee. Further, in-kind expenditures must be reported on the day that the expenditure is made, and the filed C-4 reports do not comply with this timing requirement. ARM 44.10.323. See generally In the Matter of the Complaint Against the Montana Chamber of Commerce Regarding Its Activities In Opposition to I-121 And I-125, decided June 2000, regarding failure to timely report in-kind contributions and expenditures.

Montana Human Rights Network filed its C-2 Statement of Organization on March 24, 2010. C-2’s are required by Mont. Code Ann. § 13-37-201 to be filed within 5 days of making “an expenditure or authoriz[ing] another person to make an expenditure on its behalf, whichever occurs first.” The date on the C-4 indicating time spent supporting I-164 occurred as early as March 4, 2010. By its own admission, the date the C-2 was filed is past 5 days from the first expense Montana Human Rights Network incurred. It is quite possible and highly likely that Montana Human Rights Network incurred expenses in support of the ballot issue prior to March 4, 2010. This failure to timely file the C-2 is a violation of Montana’s campaign finance laws.

By engaging in political activity, complainant believes that Montana Human Rights Network may be acting outside the course and scope of nonprofit organizations as allowed under the IRS rules and guidelines regarding political activities of nonprofit organizations.

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Montana Human Rights Network We thought we'd take a break from our regularly scheduled posts to give a big congratulations to our Organizing Director, Kim Abbott, for her recent induction into her high school's hall of fame! Not only is Kim a great organizer around social justice and human rights, but she's also skilled in both soccer and basketball! Congrats, Kim!!



North Olmsted High School: 5 Eagle graduates enter hall of fame | cleveland.com www.cleveland.com

On the basketball court, Kim also was named to the all-SWC teams and All-Ohio squads several times and holds the records for most points in a season, most points in a game and the most three-point field goals in a career. This versatile star of the soccer and basketball arenas also has many fond mem...

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Christina Rodriguez hooray kim! good for them for paying attention to how fantastic you are.

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Montana Human Rights Network Over the weekend, the Liberty Convention delivered on extreme right-wing rhetoric, but they didn't deliver on numbers. The convention drew about 250 people to Missoula instead of the 5,000 that organizers predicted. Check-out the Missoulian coverage.

Liberty Convention audience told to take back power from government during last day of Missoula gath

missoulian.com content

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Jim Fleischmann They may be dangerous and they're definitely whack jobs.....

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Brigitte Tuller 250 too many

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Roger Williams I am embarrassed that 250 people would go in the first place.

Yesterday at 5:29pm · Flag

Montana Human Rights Network Thanks to our friends over at ACLU of Montana for highlighting this great letter from a Missoula RESPECT dubber who was involved in organizing the amazing Diversity Day rally on April 12th in Missoula. Check it out!

Respect Club: Kids are not being exploited

missoulian.com content

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Montana Human Rights Network Look who is coming to Missoula. Check out the list of far-right activists speaking at the Liberty Convention this week.

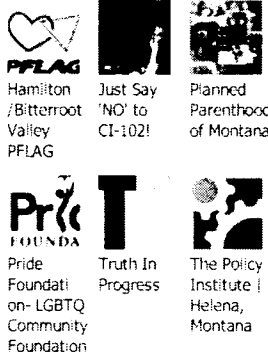
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Roger Williams Kiinda scary huh? May 18 at 12:01am · Flag

Natty Rothschild Sounds like the perfect day to have a big, fundraising, socialist commie barbeque in kiwanis park! May 18 at 11:20am · Flag



Montana Human Rights Network Yesterday the Payne Family Native American Center was dedicated on the University of Montana campus. It's the first of it's kind in the country. Check-out the Missoulian article for details on the new center and the festivities that took place yesterday.



Gathering ground: UM Native American Center dedicated 'at the crossroads' of ancestral tribes missoulian.com content

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Michelle Parsneau The UM alumni magazine has had some great articles on this beautiful addition to the University. May 14 at 11:35am · Flag



Montana Human Rights Network Apologies for "its/it's" typo. We are collectively embarrassed. But it's Kim's fault. May 14 at 12:10pm · Flag



Rebecca Davis lol May 14 at 1:11pm · Flag



Montana Human Rights Network The Missoula Anti-Discrimination Ordinance takes effect today. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this historic ordinance happen!

Missoula anti-discrimination ordinance takes effect missoulian.com content

May 13 at 11:25am · Share

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Cynthia L. Wolken Woo hoo! House party in Missoula at the end of June to celebrate - details coming soon. May 13 at 11:39am · Flag



Carol Stahl How wonderful for people living in Missoula. Soon the whole world will find this Major Victory a quaint footnote to the tolerance that they then take for granted, and laugh about how strange folks were in the olden days. May 13 at 4:50pm · Flag



Montana Human Rights Network A piece on the historic victory in Missoula for LGBT equality last month by our friends at Western States Center! The local non-discrimination ordinance takes effect this week, making Missoula the first city in Montana with equal legal protections for all gay, lesbian, bi and transgender folks!



VOTE Group Makes History in Montana — Western States Center www.westernstatescenter.org

On Tuesday, April 13th, 2010, Missoula became the first city in Montana to offer protections to the LGBTQ community in housing, employment, and public accommodations. Thanks to months of smart and courageous campaigning by the Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN), and allies.

May 12 at 2:09pm · Share

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Montana Human Rights Network There is a lot of work to be done making sure that federal healthcare reform actually increases access to healthcare and holds insurance companies accountable. Insurance companies will be lobbying hard to maintain the status quo. Montana's Insurance Commissioner, Monica Lindeen, will have a say in how this all plays ...

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Insurers Scramble to Persuade Regulators to Class Certain Outlays as Medical - The Commonwealth Fund
www.commonwealthfund.org

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Montana Human Rights Network Helena supporters: Join the Helena International Affairs Council on May 18th at the Myrna Loy to show support for immigrants in our community! Food will be served from Chilangos, Toi's, Mediterranean Grill and Benny's! And there's a film screening of "Made in L.A." Hope to see you there! Spread the word!



Connecting the dots: Film, Food and Forum
 Location: Myrna Loy Center
 Time: 5:30PM Tuesday, May 18th

May 6 at 3:42pm · Share

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Montana Human Rights Network Are you outraged about the anti-immigrant law passed in Arizona? We are. Our friends at the National Council of La Raza, along with some other national organizations including the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and the Leadership Council on Civil and Human Rights, are doing something about it. Read about the boycott and consider signing the petition!

National Council of La Raza: NCLR Action Center
action.nclr.org

I'm sure you have heard the uproar over Arizona's new immigration legislation, SB 1070. Have you been wondering what you can do to voice your disgust with this law, which essentially sanctions racial ...

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Positions on Initiatives

We thought we would take this opportunity to give the Network's positions on various ballot initiatives that are circulating. Please sign Initiative 164 (The Cap the Rate Initiative) I-164 would cap annual interest rates that Payday and Title Lenders can charge for loan products at 36%...

May 5 at 4:59pm · Share

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Carol Stahl Good to have this capsule info, thanks! Pretty sure Scott Sales doesn't know this stuff.

May 6 at 11:39am · Flag



Tannis Ppmt Hargrove If anyone is interested in volunteering on primary day to educate voters about he dangers of CI-102 please contact me on facebook or email me at tannis.hargrove@ppmontana.org. We need volunteers like you to educate the voters and protect women's health!

May 20 at 11:04am · Flag



Montana Human Rights Network The Helena Chapter of the Montana Abolition Coalition meets Wed. the 5th at 5:30 at Riley's Irish Pub. Join this incredible movement as we make Montana the next state to abolish the death penalty.

May 4 at 2:51pm

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Montana Human Rights Network Hey Missoula! The UM Women's and Gender Studies Program is hosting a screening of "Ask Not" - a documentary on the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy Tuesday afternoon in Missoula! Alex Nicholson, an Army veteran discharged under DADT and the Executive Director of Servicemembers United, will be on hand to answer q...

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"Ask Not"--a documentary about the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy
Location: UM Campus--Skaggs Bldg #169
Time: 4:10PM Tuesday, May 4th

May 3 at 3:54pm · Share

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Montana Human Rights Network Interested in volunteering? We've got something good. The ballot initiative campaign to reduce interest rates and fees on Payday and Title Lenders needs your help! I-164 would reduce annual percentage rates on these loans from over 400% (on average) to 36% annually. It's an important initiative and we need your help...

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May 3 at 12:47pm

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Robyn Morrison Wish I was still in Montana. I would definitely do some organizing. Is Montana Council of Churches on board to assist?

May 3 at 12:50pm · Flag



Montana Human Rights Network Check out the amazing community response in Kalispell to the showing of a White Supremacist film last night. The Flathead Valley is standing up and being counted in support of equality, justice, and pluralism!

Slide Show: Nazi Film Shown at Library Draws Hundreds of Protesters | Flathead Beacon

www.flatheadbeacon.com

The Flathead Beacon is a weekly print newspaper and daily online news source serving Western Montana's greater Flathead Valley. Headquartered in Kalispell, Montana.

April 30 at 10:08am · Share

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Molly Walden Severtson My nephew was there!

April 30 at 8:58pm · Flag



CJ Cummings I (Molly's nephew) was there. The Nazis (or maybe just one of them with 8 email accounts) are waging a campaign to spread two big lies on the Daily Interlake and Flathead Beacon's comment pages regarding this article.

First thing, there was never an unruly mob. It was a peaceful bunch of people, many of them from local church groups. The ...

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May 1 at 8:07am · Flag



Montana Human Rights Network Help, April 29th Demonstration in Response to White Supremacists! A month ago, white supremacists in Kalispell showed a film to deny the realities of the Holocaust. The community responded in protest. Thursday they will be at it again, spreading anti-Semitism, fear, and hate. Stand up for an alternative vision Thur...


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April 26 at 3:50pm


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Sarah Cobler Leow and 29 others like this.

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 **Gena Heaton** Wow....That's sad. I am going to share this on my page too.
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 **Caitlin Copple** A great way to spend the YWCA's Day of Commitment to End Racism! www.ywcaofmissoula.org
April 27 at 9:23am · Report


 **Montana Human Rights Network** An interesting (and short!) legal analysis of why the "reasonable suspicion" portion of the Arizona anti-immigrant law may be thrown out. It is this portion of the bill that seems to clearly encourage racial profiling and is particularly scary!

 **Immigration: Arizona's new immigration law is unconstitutional**
www.salon.com
Not all of it will be thrown out by the courts – but the most controversial provision has to be. Here's why. Articles about Immigration

April 26 at 2:04pm · Share

Kirsten Madsen and 8 others like this.

 **Judith Treecrone** can we do it piecemeal?
April 27 at 11:46am · Report

 **Montana Human Rights Network** Bad news from Arizona this afternoon. Governor Brewer signed into law what is widely considered the most anti-immigrant legislation passed by any state in the US. This bill will hurt communities of color across the state of Arizona by increasing inquiries into immigration status that are based on race and ethnicity. ...

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Ariz. governor signs immigration enforcement bill
www.washingtonpost.com


Arizona governor signs tough immigration enforcement measure called 'misguided' by Obama


April 23 at 3:09pm · Share

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 **Nikki Didier** Such a sad, sad day. How is this not discrimination?? Shame. Shame.
April 23 at 10:09pm · Report

 **Lindsey Jo Drake** I say if this can be passed into law we should also have the right to automatically have every wealthy white man over the age of 45 have to go thru a tax audit and securities fraud investigation! See how that one goes over...
April 28 at 1:49pm · Flag

 **Montana Human Rights Network** Did you know that payday and title lenders can charge up to 650% annual interest on the loans they make to Montana individuals and families? Those interest rates are predatory, they hurt Montana families and our local economies. That's why the Network is going to help cap the interest rate on these loans at 36%! We want to see this issue on the November ballot, but it will take a lot of work. Want to help?

Sign up to help Cap the Rate on Predatory Lending!
bit.ly

April 20 at 2:43pm · Share

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19 people like this.



Kerri Beechinor Mcgowan yep they suck and are predators I nly know this because so many of my exclients went thru them...robbed them blind.
April 20 at 3:10pm · Report



Linda Spurzem Casey Check out the money these corporations give to candidates and lawmakers at the state level. Look at these two great reports:

<http://www.followthemoney.org/press/ReportView.phtml?r=400>

<http://www.followthemoney.org/press/ReportView.phtml?r=365>

April 21 at 4:05pm · Report



Montana Human Rights Network For those of you following the potential challenge to the Missoula non-discrimination ordinance, the Missoula Independent has breaking news.

City Attorney: Nash not a city resident, can't initiate referendum | Missoula Independent
missoulanews.bigskypress.com

City officials are saying that Not My Bathroom's (NMB) initial efforts to overturn the newly passed anti-discrimination ordinance don't pass legal muster....

April 19 at 5:04pm · Share

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Montana Human Rights Network While this does not mean that opponent's attempts to challenge the ordinance are over, it is an interesting story we felt worth reading!
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John Bacino It's also worth noting that his comrade Dallas Erickson from Stevensville doesn't believe outsiders should get a voice in community matters:

<http://missoulairedtape.com/wp-content/upload/Pattee-update.pdf>

April 20 at 4:38pm · Report



Montana Human Rights Network The Helena Independent Record's question of the week is on whether Helena should follow Missoula's lead and become the next city to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance that protects the LGBT community. Weigh in!

helenair.com | Question of the Week
www2.helenair.com
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Willoughby Lydia make it at the State level and then introduce it Federally!
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Jeremy J Johnson statewide is a-okay with me, but i suppose township by township works too
April 19 at 11:31am · Report



Montana Human Rights Network Today brought more good news for the LGBT community, this time on a national level. Check-out the article on President Obama's action to make it easier for the LGBT community to visit partners in the hospital and weigh in on medical decisions.

Obama Widens Medical Rights for Gay Partners - NYTimes.com
www.nytimes.com

The new rules are aimed at making it easier for gays and lesbians to make medical decisions for their partners.

April 16 at 2:22pm · Share

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Montana Human Rights Network A letter to the editor from a strong partner on the campaign to pass Missoula's local non-discrimination ordinance by Cindy Weese of YWCA Missoula.

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Discrimination: Ordinance advances YWCA's goals

www.missoulain.com

YWCA Missoula joined other local women's organizations in endorsing the city's anti-discrimination ordinance that came before the Missoula City Council on April 12 (see Missoulain article, March 30.)

April 15 at 10:42am · Share

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Montana Human Rights Network Hey, Missoula! Please consider sending a short email to council@ci.missoula.mt.us letting the Missoula City Council know that you're proud of their decision to vote yes for dignity and equality for all LGBT Missoulians and for passing the Illegal Discrimination Ordinance last night! You can read more about the first equality ordinance in the state here!

Missoula City Council makes history in adopting non-discrimination law

www.missoulain.com

Breaking ground in Montana, the Missoula City Council on Tuesday adopted the first equality ordinance in the state that protects people from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

April 13 at 6:34pm · Share

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Judith Treecrone congratulations missoula. you rock. wonder about the bitterroot, is equality possible here.

April 14 at 10:25am · Report



Montana Human Rights Network This morning at around 2:00 AM the Missoula City Council passed an Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, and became the first city in Montana to offer protections to the LGBT community in employment, housing, and public accommodations! After hours of public comment, the vote was 10 to 2 in favor. Thanks to the hundreds of p...

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April 13 at 2:58am

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Christina Rodriguez fantastic! bozeman next!

April 13 at 12:06pm · Report



Christina Rodriguez p.s. the "share" button is missing from this post, and this is certainly share-worthy!

April 13 at 12:07pm · Report



Montana Human Rights Network Suzanne Peterson, owner of the ranch and home supply store in Missoula, Dillon, Butte and Hamilton - Quality Supply - had a great letter to the editor in today's Missoulain in support of equal legal protections for all LGBT employees and in support of the LGBT non-discrimination ordinance!

Human rights: Ordinance worthy of support

www.missoulain.com

As one of the owners of Quality Supply, I ensure that my employees have a workplace that is free from discrimination and a space that is safe for all employees, one where hardworking and high-performing employees don't have to worry about being fired because they are LGBT.

April 9 at 5:18pm · Share

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Bobbie Zenker I shopped there today - and will again. Thank you Suzanne for your courageous stand. We are changing the world.

April 9 at 9:32pm · Report



Paul Michael Cohen Thanks Suzanne!, I'm a hamilton shopper at your store for sure!!

April 10 at 2:06pm · Report



Montana Human Rights Network A big thank you to all who turned out to support Missoula's transgender community tonight for Everybody Matters: Dignity and Safety for Trans People!!! We had a standing room only crowd at the YWCA Missoula! And thank you to our amazing panel members for sharing their stories, experiences and knowledge, and to our facilitator!

April 9 at 12:19am

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Pam Walzer It was an inspiring evening. Thank you!
April 9 at 5:47pm · Report



Bobbie Zenker I love you Missoula, God Bless You.
April 9 at 9:13pm · Report



Montana Human Rights Network Thank you to MHRN members, allies, friends, and the Flathead Valley Multi-faith Coalition who made an awesome response in opposition to a recent white-supremacist activity in Kalispell. NO HATE HERE!



Backlash as Holocaust Skeptic Begins Showing Films at Library | Flathead Beacon
www.flatheadbeacon.com
The Flathead Beacon is a weekly print newspaper and daily online news source serving Western Montana's greater Flathead Valley. Headquartered in Kalispell, Montana.

April 8 at 10:36am · Share

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Montana Human Rights Network Want to help pass Montana's first LGBT non-discrimination protections? Flushthefear.com is currently organizing a sign-on advertisement from members of Missoula's faith community, which will support the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance currently before the City Council. Visit flushthefear.com to publicly show your support and donate to the cause!

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Montana Human Rights Network And please spread the word!
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Bobbie Zenker I like it too.
April 7 at 3:07pm · Report



Rebecca Davis we could use your help in Dillon, Montana, too!
April 7 at 5:28pm · Report

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Montana Human Rights Network: Positions on Initiatives

Montana Human Rights Network's Notes

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Positions on Initiatives

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No one.

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 4:59pm

We thought we would take this opportunity to give the Network's positions on various ballot initiatives that are circulating.

Please sign Initiative 164 (The Cap the Rate Initiative)

I-164 would cap annual interest rates that Payday and Title Lenders can charge for loan products at 36%. These lenders are predatory and can currently charge up to 650% annually. The average payday loan borrower repays about \$800 for a \$300 loan. Ninety percent of payday lending business is generated by trapped borrowers with five or more loans per year. The Network believes that Montana communities value equality and fairness, 650% for a short-term loan is simply not fair. We need these businesses to be accountable to the communities they reside in, and that's why we are urging support for I-164.

Please decline to sign CI-102 (Life Begins at Conception)

Sponsored by the Montana Pro-Life Coalition, CI-102 defines life as beginning at fertilization and grants a fertilized egg due process rights that are separate from those of the pregnant woman. CI-102 is an effort to ban abortion in the state, and it would likely have negative impacts on other medical decisions, such as in-vitro fertilization and access to contraception. The Network opposes CI-102.

Please decline to sign CI-105 (the so-called "prevention of a double tax")

Sponsored by the Montana Association of REALTORS, this measure would prohibit state or local governments from imposing a new tax on transactions that sell or transfer real property. There is currently no real estate transfer tax in Montana. The Network believes that Montana should be looking at various opportunities to raise revenue in order to prevent cuts to necessary social services. We believe that it is wrong to embed in our constitution a prohibition on one potential progressive revenue option. During these current economic times, when more and more Montanans need a little bit of extra help, we need to make sure government services are funded and functioning. A real estate transfer tax should be on the table, and certainly should not be constitutionally prohibited. The Network opposes CI-105.

Please decline to sign CI-104

Sponsored by Darby's Frank Kucera, CI-104 would require that juries be told that they can judge the law when reaching verdicts. This idea is known as "jury nullification," and it has been promoted for years by the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA). FIJA claims that a jury has the right to "judge both the law and the evidence in the case before it." In essence, FIJA encourages juries to ignore laws they don't like and set defendants free regardless of evidence. FIJA and jury nullification have been favorites of the "patriot" movement for years. The Network opposes CI-104.

Please decline to sign CI-106

Sponsored by Stevensville's Duane Sipe, this measure would allow citizens to call their own grand juries. This has also been a favorite of the "patriot" movement. It allows one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the registered voters in a county to summon a citizen grand jury by petition. The grand jury would be allowed to investigate and charge any crime. An indictment brought by a grand jury must be brought by the county attorney "regardless of prosecutorial discretion"; a county attorney who fails to prosecute an indictment within 90 days may be indicted with obstruction of justice and official misconduct. A similar procedure was used to harass Dr. George Tiller of Kansas, an abortion doctor, and President Obama - for the untrue claims that he was not born in the US- in Georgia. The Network opposes CI-106.

If you see signature gatherers for CI-102, CI-104, CI-105, or CI-106, out at polling places, please shoot us an email and let us know.

Thank you for your continued support!

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