

# Lindeen

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Sept 6, 2006

Dear Sir:

This writing constitutes a formal response to the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") in regard to issue # MUR5769 involving accusations leveled against Montanans for Lindeen by Montana Republican Party Chair, Chuck Denowh in his complaint to the FEC dated June 28, 2006.

The complaint alleged that Montanans for Lindeen's campaign materials were not meeting FEC compliance regarding disclaimers on printed materials produced by the campaign committee.

Montanans for Lindeen takes seriously any complaints regarding compliance and campaign materials. We have spent considerable effort in meeting all compliance regulations throughout the course of the campaign. It is our wish and intent to be in full compliance on all campaign materials and activities.

Upon receiving the letters from Mr. Denowh and later the FEC, all campaign materials were reviewed for compliance. All materials were found to be in compliance on both occasions including the items Mr. Denowh listed in his complaint and attachments; including a campaign banner, a campaign palm card, a campaign billboard, and an issues handout. Montanans for Lindeen has consistently followed the letter of the law regarding all printed materials and public communications.

Regarding the campaign signs Mr. Denowh alleges were non-compliant with the law: The signs in question were hand painted by campaign volunteers, not printed materials as the following statute lays forward:

According to the FEC:

- "On a public communication that is authorized and paid for by a candidate or his/her campaign committee, the disclaimer notice must identify who paid for the message." [See: 11 CFR 110.11(b)(1)] An example would be: "Paid for by Montanans for Lindeen."
- "On printed materials, the disclaimer notice must appear within a printed box set apart from the other contents in the communication. The print

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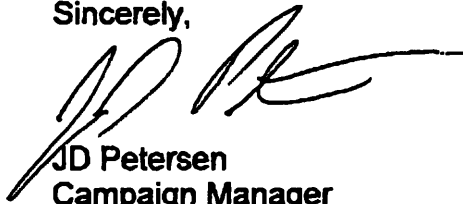
must be of a sufficient type-size to be clearly readable by the recipient of the communication, and the print must have a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the printed statement." [See: 11 CFR 110.11(c)(2)(i), (ii) and (iii)]

Actions have been taken by Montanans for Lindeen to bring all hand painted materials to meet the standard set forth by the code for printed material. This is an effort by Montanans for Lindeen to meet both the letter and spirit of the FEC regulations fully.

The signs mentioned in Mr. Denowh's complaint were replaced with materials that have a clear and discernible box surrounding the disclaimer in order to meet all FEC compliance regulations.

Montanans for Lindeen thank the kind and attentive staff of the FEC for assisting us in locating and correcting compliance irregularities, and hope this matter is resolved and can be pointed to as a success in meeting FEC compliance regulations.

Sincerely,



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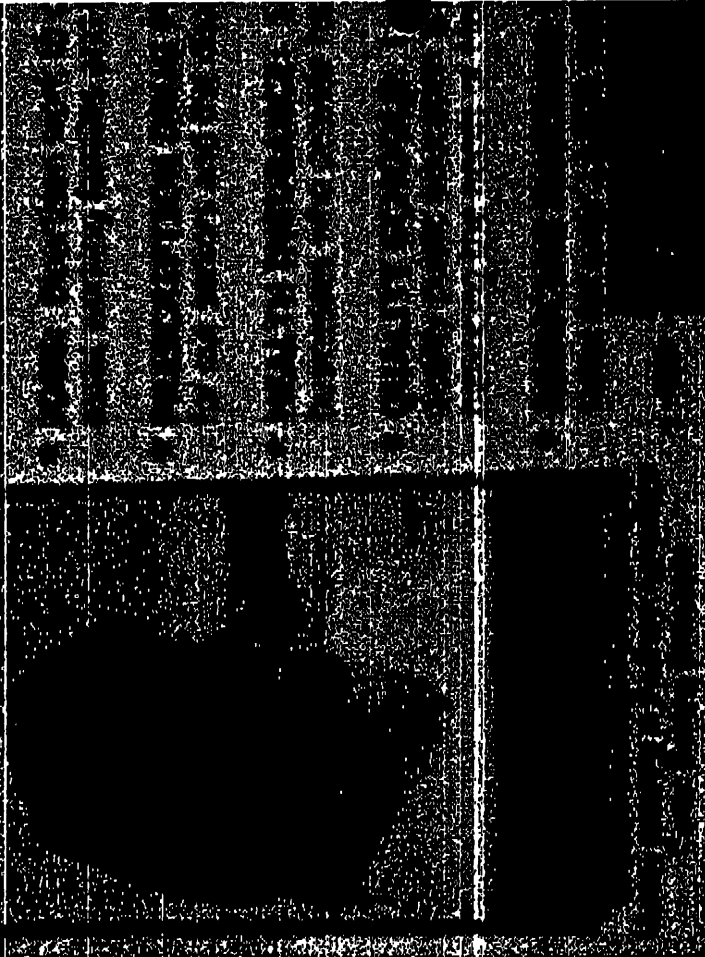
**Attachments:**

- I. Campaign Handbill
- II. Yard sign in Missoula
- III. Campaign Billboard

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