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RE: 2020 General Election – Missoula County Voting Irregularities

Greetings,

My client, Brad Tschida, is a founding member of the Missoula County Election Integrity Project (The Integrity Project). Enclosed you will find “A Synthesis of Missoula County Election Practices” showing results obtained from an Integrity Project Investigation of the 2020 Missoula County General Election. The Synthesis memorializes Integrity Project findings from a nearly year-long investigation of Missoula County Election Office practices and procedures. In short, the Integrity Project’s study uncovered a pattern of irregularities arising from the November 3, 2020, general election that bear further investigation and reform. It also found troubling issues in a study it made of the Montana voter registration database.

The Integrity Project employed several methods in its research:

- Physical count of affirmation envelopes
- Analysis of voter registration and history databases provided by the Montana Secretary of State’s office.

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- Review of public records, such as local media, national media, Montana Code Annotated, and interviews with various sources experienced in election analysis.

In addition, the Integrity Project obtained the Project Voter registration and history databases from the Montana Secretary of State (SOS) for a \$1,000.00 fee. The data in the "master sheet" included a history of the ballot status of every current voter in Missoula County going back to the 1984 Federal General election, including their current mailing address, residence address, voter eligibility, and other fields provided by the SOS's original data.

The outcome of the investigation suggests strongly that the Elections Office either suffers from fundamental incompetence or has been derelict in its duties to maintain up to date and accurate voter rolls and electronic records. Whether accidentally or on purpose, the result is a padding of invalid voter registration, providing ample room for mischief by wrong-doers and doubt in the public as to election integrity. At best, the Elections Office has not performed well as a steward of the voter rolls.

The Integrity Project consists exclusively of local volunteers who all serve or have served on a *pro bono publico* basis. It is not affiliated with any political party, non-profit organization, or for-profit corporate entity or large donors. If you have any questions comments or concerns or you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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