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Hi Patty,

My name is Matt Nese, and I'm the Director of External Relations at the Center for Competitive Politics. In this capacity, I'm responsible for our legislative outreach efforts as well as our research and coalition activities. The Center is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization focused on promoting and protecting the First Amendment's political rights of speech, assembly, and petition. We oppose efforts to limit campaign contributions, institute taxpayer funded political campaign programs, and implement other restrictions on citizens' ability to support the candidates and causes of their choice.

I received your contact info from Sheri Scurr, who directed me to e-mail you to request to submit comments to the House State Administration Committee. On behalf of the Center, I have written comments regarding H.B. 129, which amends various aspects of Montana's campaign finance law and political-civil libel law. We desire to submit our comments to all members of the House State Administration Committee, who are scheduled to take Executive Action on H.B. 129 beginning in a 9 AM session tomorrow, January 18.

Along these lines, I've attached to this e-mail a Word and PDF copy of the Center's comments on the bill. My apologies for sending these to you so late in the evening. The comments run four-pages and include a two-page newspaper article relevant to our testimony.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached on my direct line at (703) 894-6835 or via e-mail.

Thanks for your time and cooperation. I very much appreciate it.

Best,

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