

Resolution of the Montana Republican Party (MTGOP) Condemning Massive Spending by Far-Left Progressive Out-of-State Billionaires in Montana Republican Primary Races

WHEREAS, the influx of millions of progressive out-of-state dollars to influence Montana's elections and advance far-left policies has raised grave concerns among Montanans;

WHEREAS, Democrat aligned progressive out-of-state billionaires are funneling millions of dollars into Montana Republican primary races through a network of dark money nonprofits ("**Progressive Dark Money Network**");

WHEREAS, the money originates with George Soros/Wyss 1630 Fund and gets funneled through the **Progressive Dark Money Network** as follows: **George Soros/Wyss 1630 Fund >>> Western Futures Fund >>> WAY BACK PAC >>> Conservatives4MT**;

WHEREAS, **Conservatives4MT** (deceptively named) and the **Progressive Dark Money Network** are completely antithetical to Republican policies and principles;

WHEREAS, Republican policies and principles are opposed to "shifting" taxes - Republicans are fair to everyone; Republicans oppose using tax dollars to finance abortions and child transition surgeries through unchecked Medicaid expansion; Republicans oppose keeping surplus tax dollars to buy votes through handouts; and Republicans oppose implementing a wealth distribution scheme;

WHEREAS, **Conservatives4MT** is a Montana independent political committee which receives 78% of its funding from the **Progressive Dark Money Network**;

WHEREAS, the MTGOP called out this Democrat **Progressive Dark Money Network**, and their Montana affiliate Fireweed Campaigns Inc. of Helena ("**Fireweed**") in a Resolution on March 31, 2026, demanding that all Republican candidates and elected officers dissociate from **Fireweed** and the **Progressive Dark Money Network**, by resigning from and returning any money received from **Fireweed** and the **Progressive Dark Money Network** ("**Fireweed Resolution No. 1**").

WHEREAS, with the exception of one candidate, MTGOP's demand was met with contempt and hostility or went unheeded, and it was determined that the Republican candidates and elected officers chose to associate with **Fireweed** and the **Progressive Dark Money Network** rather than the Montana Republican Party ("**Fireweed Frauds**"), which the MTGOP condemned in a second Resolution on April 14, 2026, rescinding recognition of the **Fireweed Frauds** and demanding they resign or be removed from any elected positions they hold within the Montana Republican Party ("**Fireweed Resolution No. 2**").

WHEREAS, according to publicly available records, **Conservatives4MT** spent in excess of \$620,000 in one month - Mar 25th to Apr 25th - on mailers, digital ads, and radio buys ("**Independent Expenditures**") in Republican primary races for House and Senate candidates;

WHEREAS, it is expected that additional hundreds of thousands of dollars will be spent before June 2, 2026, in the Montana Republican primary election;

WHEREAS, the Independent Expenditures to date were deployed in **37 Montana Republican primary races for House and Senate Candidates**, in support of the following candidates;

1. HD03 Derek Peachey
2. HD04 Lyn Bennett

3. HD06 Arthur Dunn
4. HD07 Courtenay Sprunger
5. HD13 Linda Rekstan
6. HD17 Susan Geise
7. HD20 Melissa Nikolakakos
8. HD21 Eric Peterson
9. HD22 Jason Lorang
10. HD23 Eric Tilleman
11. HD28 Chisholm Christensen
12. HD29 Valerie Moore
13. HD33 Brandon Ler
14. HD36 Ty Linger
15. HD40 Gunner Cesnik
16. HD49 Ole Hedstrom
17. HD52 Stacy Zinn
18. HD53 Troy Charbonneau
19. HD55 Brad Barker
20. HD67 Russel Nelson
21. HD68 Jennifer Carlson
22. HD69 Ken Walsh
23. HD76 John Fitzpatrick
24. HD84 Roy Caldwell
25. HD85 Michelle Binkley
26. HD86 Wayne Rusk
27. HD90 Curtis Cochran
28. SD01 Neil Duram
29. SD09 Llew Jones
30. SD11 Ed Buttrey
31. SD12 George Nikolakakos
32. SD14 Eric Albus
33. SD18 Doug Martens
34. SD19 Chris Rindal
35. SD34 Shelley Vance
36. SD42 Mike Talia
37. SD43 David Bedey

WHEREAS, 16 of these candidates were identified in the prior Fireweed Resolution No. 1 and No. 2 as having a direct relationship with the **Progressive Dark Money Network** through connected committees, including direct contributions and staffing expenditures and services.

WHEREAS, despite the condemnations and demands in Resolutions No. 1 and No. 2, **Conservatives4MT** have engaged in a coordinated scheme with **the Progressive Dark Money Network** to undermine the integrity of the Montana Republican primary electoral process and betray Montana Republican voters;

WHEREAS, the integrity of the Montana primary electoral process, where each party nominates its candidate to run against the competing parties in the general election, is fundamental to democracy and the multiple party system;

WHEREAS, recent actions by **Conservatives4MT** to influence Montana Republican primaries subvert the fairness and transparency of Republican primary elections;

WHEREAS, it is essential to protect the Montana primary system from manipulation to ensure that candidates reflect the will of Montana Republican voters; and

WHEREAS, given the seriousness of the actions taken by **Conservatives4MT**, the MTGOP Executive Committee calls for measures to prevent future occurrences of manipulations to protect the Montana primary electoral process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that,

1. The influx of millions of dollars from the **Progressive Dark Money Network** into Montana Republican House and Senate primary races is harmful to the integrity of the Montana Republican primary electoral process.
2. **Conservatives4MT** has engaged in a coordinated scheme with the **Progressive Dark Money Network** to undermine the integrity of the Montana Republican primary electoral process and betray Montana Republican voters.
3. Recent Independent Expenditures made by **Conservatives4MT** to Republican primary House and Senate Candidates to influence Republican primaries raises serious concerns about the fairness and transparency of elections.
4. Further action is essential to prevent future occurrences, protect the Montana primary electoral process from manipulation, and ensure that candidates reflect the will of Montana Republican voters.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Executive Committee of the Montana Republican Party, through its Chairman:

1. Stands firm in its commitment to uphold the integrity of elections and expose the deceitful and unethical interference by **Conservatives4MT** and the Democrat **Progressive Dark Money Network** in the Montana primary electoral process.
2. Denounces and condemns **Conservatives4MT** and the **Progressive Dark Money Network** for undermining the integrity of the Montana Republican primary electoral process and betraying Montana Republican voters.
3. Calls upon **Conservatives4MT** to cease and desist from further interjecting itself into Montana Republican primary races.
4. Calls upon all candidates in all 37 races who received the benefit of an Independent Expenditure from **Conservatives4MT** to publicly disavow and condemn **Conservatives4MT's** actions to influence Montana's Republican primary electoral process, to immediately publicly demand **Conservatives4MT** to cease and desist from participating in their race, and publicly endorse the Montana Republican Party.
5. Calls upon all Montana Republican voters to unite in defending the integrity of our Montana Republican primary electoral process and to reject any tactics that compromise fair and transparent party elections that determine the Montana Republican nominees.

– Chairman Art Wittich and the Montana Republican Party Executive Committee Members:
Stacy Zinn, Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Ed Walker, Bill Lussenheide, Tanner Smith, Debbie Churchill, Bruce Williams, Shane Eaton, Marla Davis, Paul Fielder, and Tracy Sharp.