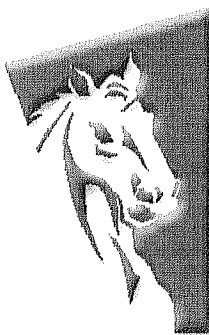


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### **Shadowy Groups Tied to American Tradition Partnership Steal Teamsters Logo for Unauthorized Political Attacks**

*Teamsters Local 190 Sends Cease and Desist Letter to Outside Groups to Stop Unauthorized, Misleading Mailers*

*Teamsters Group Says Bullock Needed as Governor to Keep Fighting Shadowy Groups, Clean up Elections*

Billings, MT – Teamsters Local 190 today sent a cease and desist letter calling on shadowy outside groups tied to American Tradition Partnership to immediately stop using the International Brotherhood of Teamsters logo and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen logo without authorization in mailers falsely attacking local candidates.

The unauthorized mailers attacking local candidates make it appear they are from the Teamsters, even though the Teamsters have endorsed the candidates the mailers attack. The mailers are funded by groups connected to American Tradition Partnership, the dark money Washington, DC group supporting Congressman Rick Hill and trying to dismantle Montana's campaign finance laws. American Tradition Partnership and their allies have been pumping money into the state to falsely attack Bullock as he works to protect Montana's clean and fair elections.

“Any mailers from these shadowy groups pretending to be from the Teamsters are desperate lies to Montana voters and they don't belong in our state. This is one more reason we need Steve Bullock as Governor, so he can keep working to protect Montana values and move our state and economy forward,” Teamsters 190 Secretary-Treasurer Jim Larson said. “Steve Bullock has never stopped fighting for Montana's working families or for good-paying jobs– which is why he has the Teamsters' full support,”

The full cease and desist letter from the Teamsters is below.

Teamsters Local 190, an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, serves 1,700 hardworking members in southeastern Montana and northern Wyoming. Its members include UPS employees, city and county employees, law enforcement employees, school bus drivers, clerical, sugar workers, prosecuting attorneys, warehousemen, truck drivers, lumber distribution employees, sanitary employees, certified nurses' aides, and construction workers.

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2047 N. Main Street  
Helena, MT 59047

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am General Counsel for the International Brotherhood of Teamster ("IBT"). It has come to our attention that your organization has published the enclosed flyer. It contains the official logos of the IBT and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers ("BLET"), an IBT affiliate. This use of the official logos of the IBT and the BLET constitutes trademark infringement. There can be little doubt that this use of these official logos has the purpose and effect of causing recipients of the flyer to believe that your organization is endorsed by or affiliated with the IBT and/or the BLET. I assure you it is not.

This clearly unauthorized use of the IBT's Team and Wheel insignia and the BLET's logo constitute, among other things, trademark infringement, use of a false designation of origin under 15 USC Sec. 1125 (a) and unfair competition under common law.

Accordingly, we respectfully demand that you provide us a written statement immediately confirming 1) that your organization, its officers, directors, affiliates and related parties have taken all appropriate steps to cease and desist from the improper use on leaflets or otherwise of the IBT's TEAM AND WHEEL INSIGNIA and the BLET's official logo and 2) that your organization, its officers, directors, affiliates and related parties agree that they will not resume infringement of the IBT's TEAM AND WHEEL INSIGNIA or the BLET's official logo for any purpose.

If this matter cannot be promptly resolved, the IBT will consider all legal remedies available to it, including but not limited to seeking injunctive relief, damages, punitive damages and attorneys fees and costs.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley T. Raymond".

Bradley T. Raymond  
General Counsel