



# First amendment rights violation

19 messages

**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>  
To: pattyweeks@co.nezperce.id.us <pattyweeks@co.nezperce.id.us>

Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:11 PM

It's a first amendment rights violation for Maureen Anderson to block me on social media and as such, I formally request that she be removed from the ballot for city council.

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>  
To: pattyweeks@co.nezperce.id.us, JustinColeman@co.nezperce.id.us  
Bcc: sueannsmith32@yahoo.com, Ada Eldridge <Adaeldridge@hotmail.com>, writesinredpen@proton.me

Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 2:53 AM

Pursuant to the Idaho State Statute concerning Campaign donations,

TITLE 67  
STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS  
CHAPTER 66  
ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES – LOBBYISTS

67-6602. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

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(4) "Contribution" includes any advance, conveyance, forgiveness of indebtedness, deposit, distribution, loan, payment, gift, pledge, subscription or transfer of money or anything of value, and any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution, in support of or in opposition to any candidate, political committee or measure. Such term also includes personal funds or other property of a candidate or members of his household expended or transferred to cover expenditures incurred in support of such candidate but does not include personal funds used to pay the candidate filing fee. Such term also includes the rendering of personal and professional services for less than full consideration, but does not include ordinary home hospitality or the rendering of "part-time" personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer campaign workers or advisors or incidental expenses not in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) personally paid for by any volunteer campaign worker. "Part-time" services, for the purposes of this definition, means services in addition to regular full-time employment, or, in the case of an unemployed person or persons engaged in part-time employment, services rendered without compensation or reimbursement of expenses from any source other than the candidate or political committee for whom such services are rendered. For the purposes of this act, contributions, other than money or its equivalent shall be deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair market value of the contribution.

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Thank you!

<https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/campaign-finance-faq/>

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Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 7:54 AM

To: Corey Switzer <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>

Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us>

Corey,

My authority is rather limited. The only way to remove someone from the ballot at this stage is a court order.

However, I will take a look into the allegation of violating Idaho's campaign finance laws. My office's goal is to conduct a fair and unbiased election.

Patty

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>  
To: Patty Weeks <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>  
Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us>

Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 9:38 AM

Thank you very much for your response.

For Maureen Anderson to act as the accountant for a lobbying organization, Lewiston SMART, and then to run for city council, and then to receive aggregated donations from that / those individuals who also lobbied for SMART is a clear violation of campaign election laws with regards to the amount of money allowed (\$1,000) per person.

For Doug Havens, Joe Gish (and wife), and Mike Kingsley to each make aggregated donations on behalf of SMART which would be a method of both avoiding campaign finance laws to support a candidate favorable to their own elected position.

This reeks of election finance violations.

Additionally, there has NEVER been any required state filings found for either "for-profit" or "non-profit" for this lobby during the previous election cycle to change the dynamic of the "City Manager" to "Strong Mayor" system which got Dan Johnson elected as mayor.

Thank you for your time.  
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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>  
To: Patty Weeks <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>  
Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us>

Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 4:02 PM

I would appreciate a response from you regarding your findings in the information which I have provided.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Regards  
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**Patty Weeks** <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>  
To: Corey Switzer <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>  
Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us>

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 6:19 PM

Corey,

Thank you for your patience! I've attached Maureen Anderson's campaign finance activity that I have reviewed with staff as well as the Lewiston SMART political action committee's activity. At this point there is not a conflict with the donations from individuals to the Anderson campaign. None are over the legal contribution limit, which resets for each election. Lewiston SMART has not had any activity since December 31, 2021 and has not donated to the Anderson campaign. However, we will continue to monitor all candidates campaign finances.

As to the social media First Amendment issue, you actually included a link that I would have sent you. It seems to me that the avenues available would be private attorney, prosecuting attorney or attorney general. This does bring up an excellent point. Typically I provide candidates sign ordinances and other information. In the future, I'm going to include First Amendment/social media information.

Patty

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 3:42 AM

To: Patty Weeks <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>, JustinColeman@co.nezperce.id.us, aprils@co.nezperce.id.us

Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us>

Bcc: Ada Eldridge <Adaeldridge@hotmail.com>, sueannsmith32@yahoo.com

it just so happens that you work with a prosecutor in the same county as the election is being held.

This is election bias and it needs to be addressed promptly.

Thank you.

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 6, 2024 at 9:30 PM

To: jessicaappleton789@gmail.com <jessicaappleton789@gmail.com>, Patty Weeks

<pattyweeks@co.nezperce.id.us>, Dan Johnson <danjohnson@cityoflewiston.org>, hliedkie@cityoflewiston.org,

JustinColeman@co.nezperce.id.us, aprils@co.nezperce.id.us

If you're not otherwise aware, blocking your constituents on social media is a First Amendment Rights violation.

Please reference this email chain with Patty Weeks for further information.

You have until Monday to respond in turn or I will file a civil suit against you and the City of Lewiston, Idaho for first Amendment Rights Violations.

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 6, 2024 at 9:31 PM

Bcc: SUEANNSMITH32@YAHOO.COM <sueannsmith32@yahoo.com>, Ada Eldridge <Adaeldridge@hotmail.com>

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 6, 2024 at 11:02 PM

To: jessicaappleton789@gmail.com, Patty Weeks <pattyweeks@co.nezperce.id.us>, Dan Johnson

<danjohnson@cityoflewiston.org>, hliedkie@cityoflewiston.org, JustinColeman@co.nezperce.id.us,

aprils@co.nezperce.id.us, Ada Eldridge <Adaeldridge@hotmail.com>, SUEANNSMITH32@YAHOO.COM

<sueannsmith32@yahoo.com>

Please anticipate charges being filed against the City of Lewiston, Idaho for defamation of character.

Thank you.

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 13, 2024 at 6:04 PM

To: Kayla Hermann <khermann@cityoflewiston.org>

Please reopen the City of Lewiston government pages for comment as the restrictions are a violation of our first amendment rights.

Thank you!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Patty Weeks** <[PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us](mailto:PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us)>  
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2023, 6:19 PM  
Subject: RE: First amendment rights violation  
To: Corey Switzer <[coreyswitzer@gmail.com](mailto:coreyswitzer@gmail.com)>  
Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <[AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us](mailto:AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us)>

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**Corey Switzer** <[coreyswitzer@gmail.com](mailto:coreyswitzer@gmail.com)> Thu, Mar 14, 2024 at 8:50 AM  
To: Kayla Hermann <[kherrmann@cityoflewiston.org](mailto:kherrmann@cityoflewiston.org)>, hliedkie@cityoflewiston.org, Dan Johnson <[danjohnson@cityoflewiston.org](mailto:danjohnson@cityoflewiston.org)>, Ada Eldridge <[Adaeldridge@hotmail.com](mailto:Adaeldridge@hotmail.com)>, SUEANNSMITH32@YAHOO.COM <[sueannsmith32@yahoo.com](mailto:sueannsmith32@yahoo.com)>, JustinColeman@co.nezperce.id.us

Additionally, I have been waiting two months for the public response from the City regarding a public hearing regarding police department bribery by Tim Krueger of the Calem Shriners Pontiff.

I forward this public comment made by Hannah Liedkie as reference.

I would like a public hearing called immediately, please.

Thank you!

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**Corey Switzer** <[coreyswitzer@gmail.com](mailto:coreyswitzer@gmail.com)> Sat, Mar 16, 2024 at 3:11 PM  
To: Kayla Hermann <[kherrmann@cityoflewiston.org](mailto:kherrmann@cityoflewiston.org)>, hliedkie@cityoflewiston.org, Dan Johnson <[danjohnson@cityoflewiston.org](mailto:danjohnson@cityoflewiston.org)>, Ada Eldridge <[Adaeldridge@hotmail.com](mailto:Adaeldridge@hotmail.com)>, SUEANNSMITH32@YAHOO.COM <[sueannsmith32@yahoo.com](mailto:sueannsmith32@yahoo.com)>, JustinColeman@co.nezperce.id.us, jklein@cityoflewiston.org, Patty Weeks <[pattyweeks@co.nezperce.id.us](mailto:pattyweeks@co.nezperce.id.us)>, brennonlleafty@gmail.com, Jason Kuzik <[jkuzik@cityoflewiston.org](mailto:jkuzik@cityoflewiston.org)>, LPD Dispatch <[dispatch@cityoflewiston.org](mailto:dispatch@cityoflewiston.org)>

As upheld in a unanimous SCOTUS decision, known as "*Lindke v. Freed*" and "*O'Connor-Ratcliff v. Garnier*" preventing social media comments or blocking individuals that disagree with government officials is a Violation of the First Amendment to the constitution.

Likewise, please reference these sources

Associated Press:

<https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-social-media-public-officials-973f1d18e74faccaa4bfce3bd65cc1af>.

Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/us-supreme-court-throws-out-rulings-public-officials-blocking-social-media-2024-03-15/>

As such, please reaffirm this ruling to ALL city and county government officials to unblock everyone previously blocked from their private social media accounts IF they list their profession as a public servant on their profile, discussion of any city policies, including (but in no way limited to) the following official page for the City of Lewiston, City of Lewiston Police Department, City of Lewiston Fire Department, City of Lewiston Parks Department and all County offices, immediately and without reservation.

Thank you for your immediate attention, response and civil resolution to this matter.

Corey M. Switzer

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Tue, Mar 19, 2024 at 1:12 PM

**Patty Weeks** <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>  
To: Corey Switzer <coreyswitzer@gmail.com>

Thank you for sharing.

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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com> Tue, Mar 19, 2024 at 1:29 PM  
To: Patty Weeks <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>, Dan Johnson <danjohnson@cityoflewiston.org>, Jason Kuzik <jkuzik@cityoflewiston.org>, Justin Coleman <co.nezperce.id.us>, Kayla Hermann <khermann@cityoflewiston.org>, hliedkie@cityoflewiston.org, jklein@cityoflewiston.org, jspickelmire@cityoflewiston.org, kschroeder@cityoflewiston.org, rtousley@cityoflewiston.org, city@lmtribune.com  
Bcc: SUEANNSMITH32@YAHOO.COM <sueannsmith32@yahoo.com>, Ada Eldridge <Adaeldridge@hotmail.com>, Louis Switzer <kidslovelyandcandy@gmail.com>, Louis Switzer <ssgratitude@gmail.com>, brennonlleafy@gmail.com, Shawn Tribby <Tribbyshawn@gmail.com>, Melanie Dawn Gordy <farbeondriving@gmail.com>, Melanie Dawn Gordy <melaniemcvean@hotmail.com>

Please affirm that the comments section for each government social media pages have been opened to the public for input as affirmed by a unanimous Supreme Court Decision upholding the Citizens First Amendment Rights.

Thank you!  
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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 4:08 AM  
To: Patty Weeks <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>  
Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us>

Please have the Nez Perce Prosecutors Office unblock me immediately pursuant to Linde v FREED or I intend to sue Nez Perce county for First Amendment Rights violations.

<https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/linde-v-freed/>

Thank you for your immediate attention and response to this matter.

Mr. Corey M Switzer

On Fri, Oct 20, 2023, 7:54 AM Patty Weeks <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us> wrote:  
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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 1:23 PM  
To: Patty Weeks <PattyWeeks@co.nezperce.id.us>  
Cc: Amy Ledgerwood <AmyLedgerwood@co.nezperce.id.us>

I have not yet been unblocked by the Nez Perce Prosecutors Office on Facebook.

I must remind this office of the SCOTUS ruling Linde V Freed.

<https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/linde-v-freed/>

Please unblock me from the Nez Perce Prosecutors Office Facebook page immediately.

Mr. Corey M Switzer  
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**Corey Switzer** <coreyswitzer@gmail.com> Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 11:03 AM  
To: bmittchell@house.idaho.gov <bmittchell@house.idaho.gov>

For your immediate attention, a response in similar context addressed by Patty Weeks regarding Marueen Anderson.

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**Corey Switzer** <[coreyswitzer@gmail.com](mailto:coreyswitzer@gmail.com)>  
To: Imccann@house.idaho.gov, lori@lorimccannforidaho.com

Sun, Feb 9, 2025 at 11:16 AM

For your immediate attention.

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