

## 2022 Voters Guide 7 – Congressional East, Supreme Court, MT Legislature, more to come: **Please Forward to Friends!**

I will **focus** on legislative races that I have information on and those who **have strong contenders and appear to have a chance of winning**. Feel free to call me with questions at 406-672-9207. **Please Pass this on to a friend.**

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- **Register to vote or check on your registration [here](#).**
- **One more thing – elections are expensive get out your checkbook**

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### **Details and Principles:**

**Design:** This document is **not** designed for soundbite voters. I will add as much info as I can and you can read what you want

### **Election Dates:**

Federal, State and County – Tuesday, Nov.8th.

### **My Seven Principles of Voting:**

**1<sup>st</sup>. My bottom line** – is the candidate **primarily conservative** that will promote Christian based values? My only SINGLE ISSUE is LIFE.

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Never vote for a Democrat.** The Democratic party is now ruled by socialists. If the candidate is one, they are disqualified. If they are too uninformed to know what the party is, they don't belong in office. And, they will be pressured to vote in lock-step.

**3<sup>rd</sup>. Never vote based on friendships** – vote based on principles and values. Separate relational-emotional interests from principles.

**4<sup>rd</sup>. Don't get in a hurry to vote.** Liberals love early and mail in voting. So many times, I hear *"I would never have voted for him if I had known..."* and the information came out after they voted.

**5<sup>th</sup>. Don't rely on mailer information** you get in your mailbox. Do your homework and listen to people you trust. Case in point – Penny Ronning won in Ward 4 in 2016. Her flyers made her sound **like a Reagan conservative** and she is a Progressives activist, running for Congress.

**6<sup>th</sup>. Be discerning, listen between the lines.** Liberals know they **can't win on Socialist values** – they are masters at sounding conservative. Messaging conservative values in short sound bites is difficult. Don't be a sucker for emotional appeals.

**7<sup>th</sup>.Vote Principles not Gender** – oh yes, many will vote for a woman ONLY because she is a woman. Of all the women I have known on the City Council the last three elections, only one was and is consistently conservative. Most were radically liberal.

**Eastern District Congressman – [Matthew Rosendale](#) vs [Penny Ronning](#)**

### **A story of two Opposites**

**Bottom line:** The [ivotersGuide for Montana](#), lists Matt Rosendale as a **Verified Conservative**. The [Center for Legislative Accountability](#) gives Matt a score of 100%, 15 points higher than any living Montana Federal Legislator. He has been married to his wife Jean for going on 37 years. They have four sons and a granddaughter. He built a successful business. Matt has served at the local, state and national level, and his Christian faith is his bedrock. His 07/07/22 mailer was

all about opposing abortion ***“The push for pro-life is truly a battle for the soul or our nation...”***

**This is in stark contrast** to his opponent Penny Ronning who has done NONE OF THE ABOVE and (as a staunch Feminist) is **all-in with Planned Parenthood** to ramp up the murder of babies.

**No Equivocations:** Rosendale **will always stand for** godly, constitutional principles that put Montana and America first. While many in congress are ready to “*give away the farm*” to secure foreign borders, Matt said **not until we secure our own**. Much of America has “drunk the Ukraine Kool-Aid.” We are sending them weaponry that is our right-now supply, not our surplus and reliable sources tell us we have NO idea where this aid is going. We are supporting a radically **corrupt government** and a leader that is a **Globalist**.

**His Conservative Commitment:** Congressman Rosendale is a member of the [House Freedom Caucus](#) (*There is no official list*) with founding members such as Ron DeSantis (now Governor of Florida) and Jim Jordan from Ohio.

The mission of the Freedom Caucus says volumes about Rosendale:

*“The House Freedom Caucus gives a voice to countless Americans who feel that Washington does not represent them. We support open, accountable and limited government, the Constitution and the rule of law, and policies that promote the liberty, safety and prosperity of all Americans.”*

**His Mailer Relative to the border says:** *Walls work and we ought to build one. Securing **our** border is as important as securing **other** borders. Demand that illegal immigrants remain in Mexico or be returned there. Criminalize fleeing from law enforcement at the border or here.*

**Understanding Reality:** In a recent conversation, he said to me, ***“The real issues in D.C. are spiritual.”*** He is absolutely right.

**Just the Facts:** On his relatively brief and to the point [webpage](#) you learn that Rosendale worked his way up, serving and learning. First locally, then in the Montana House, then in the Senate where he was majority leader, then serving as Montana State Auditor. You can read about his actual accomplishments and also see what he did on the state Land Board.

**Unlike many seeking government office, Matt Rosendale actually can be found on [Wikipedia](#).** Unlike his challenger Penny Ronning you learn that he actually had a job, ran a business... stuff like that. He spent his career working in [real estate](#), [real estate development](#) and [land management](#).<sup>[3]</sup> He grew his family real estate business from a single, five [agent](#) office into a full-service firm with 65 agents and four offices.<sup>[4]</sup> Rosendale and his wife moved their family to [Glendive, Montana](#), in 2002,<sup>[5]</sup> [twenty years ago] where they raised their children. He was twice elected chairman of the Glendive Agri-Trade Expo committee,<sup>[6]</sup> a local group that puts on an [agriculture](#) exposition showcasing [agri-business](#) in eastern Montana.<sup>[7]</sup> Rosendale also served as head of his local [Catholic parish](#) council.<sup>[6]</sup>

**His service record in a nutshell:** Matt has been in Montana for about 20 years:

- One term in the Montana House of Representatives
- Two terms in the Montana Senate – Voted Majority Leader.
- One term as Montana’s State Auditor – cut operating expenses 23% and eliminated 7 vacant jobs.
- One term as Montana’s Congressman

**Rosendale is clearly the most consistent conservative Congressman Montana has had in decades.** Solidly Pro-Life, Second Amendment, for border security and election security. **A Bird’s Eye View of His Voting Record:**

- The [Center for Legislative Accountability](#) has become the Gold Standard for rating the voting records for all legislators. They develop rating for the [American Conservative Union](#). Here are some Montana scores:
  - Matt Rosendale - **100.**
  - Ryan Zinke – **69.**
  - **Steve Daines - 85**
  - **Conrad Burns - 91**
  - **John Tester - 11**
  - **Rick Hill – 88.**
  - Ron Marlenee – **88.**
  - Denny Rehberg - **88.**
- **LIFE issues:** As a committed Christian, Matt is solidly Pro-Life and has opposed abortion and Dr. Assisted Suicide issues.

- **Second Amendment:** He is an avid hunter, allows people on his home ranch near Glendive to hunt. He holds a lifetime rating from the NRA of “A.”
- **Border Security:** As an America first Congressman, he supports building the wall and securing our border even above working on other nations issues.
- **Election Security:** He supports requiring all voters in federal elections to present a government issued photo ID.

## Who is Penny Ronning?

**Penning Ronning would be Montana’s AOC – same agenda, slightly quieter.**

**Penning Ronning is a radical Leftist who portrays herself as a moderate**



The problem with Facebook is that your postings are like the energizer bunny, they just keep coming back to haunt you like this one from a couple of years ago. Here, Penning sends a photo of the Gay Pride parade and the Planned Parenthood promoters to her LGBTQ Activist friend Alley Hay. Notice the exchange.

**Alley** – *“Thanks for the photo.”*

**Penney** – *“You are welcome. Thank you for all you do and for all you do for Planned Parenthood.”*

## **Penning Ronning in a Nutshell:**

Penny is a radical Leftist who portrays herself as a moderate. If you read Penny's [webpage](#) (it is like a book), you would think she accomplished everything except inventing the wheel. The claims are outlandish. The one thing you **never see** nailed down, for all her verbiage about a strong work ethic, is where she **actually had a J-O-B**. Her claims of accomplishment are all vague and relate to Not-For-Profit organizations, activism, etc. and a business that she never documents. In fairness, some of her work for protecting kids has been helpful.

**Penny is a Joe Biden Progressive Democrat.** She is a Pro-Abortionist who wants to enshrine Roe v Wade in Federal Law, ardent Feminist, Anti Second Amendment, Build-Back-Better, the Equality Act, Environmentalist, for less restrictive voting **and more**. If you don't believe it, take a couple of hours and read her web page.

**Penny is a staunch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Feminist type.** In the 2018 city council election, two of her far Left friends did not get elected. This was her public statement about that situation.

*"This council has been subjected to the leadership of **older white males** for the history of our community. We had the **opportunity to change that** and you chose not to take it."*

At one of the candidate forums, in her closing statement, she went on an over-time, absolute feminist rant – it was stunning

[Penny says](#) she will call for the *Equal Rights Amendment* and Passing the *Equality Act*. This would destroy America culture faster than anything you can imagine.

[Build Back Better](#) – she will support this legislation that would destroy our economy.

[Penny will support "expanded automatic and same day voting"](#). Translation – no voter ID and same-day voting.

Penny supports [Roe V Wade](#) type legislation being established as Federal Law.

Penny supports sex education in public schools

[Ronning does not fully support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment](#) – reading between the lines just a slight bit, you see she would be a typical Democrat in favor of limiting your freedom.

**“Penny will be whatever you want her to be”** – the words of a fellow counsel person. My observation? She **lied her way on to the Council** portraying herself as moderate to conservative. Another council person said, she **actually believes** she is a moderate.

**LGBTQ Activism:** In early 2022, Penny attempted to bring a Non-Discrimination Ordinance back to Billings – even though she knew it would probably Fail. NDO’s are nothing, but an attempt to promote a “Special Class” designation for LGBTQ people similar to class designations for race. A national Equality Act would be much the same along with total power to Planned Parenthood.

In summary, what jobs has Penny held or what has she accomplished? What you find about her is some vague allusions to being an artist... working to promote the good of kids. She is a consistent Progressive in every sense of the word.

## **Montana Supreme Court, Seat 2**

**This is a hugely important race. Our focus will be on Jim Brown vs. incumbent Ingrid Gustafson.**

**This will take every conservative talking to their neighbor, she took Yellowstone County by 10,000 votes**

**The Race to Protect Montana’s Conservative Future.**

**Why is this race critical** – Montana’s Supreme Court is known to be one of the most liberal-activist courts in America. The Roe v. Wade decision by the US Supreme Court actually makes Montana a **magnet for abortions because** of our Supreme Court’s interpretation of a clause in our constitution. **This will take every conservative talking to their neighbor.**

**Exposing Judge Ingrid Gustafson:**

**In the sixteen bullet points below, you will meet a Liberal-Progressive Activists masquerading as a Supreme Court Judge. She is committed to legislating from**

**the bench and supporting the Democratic Party with no respect for judicial conduct or the Montana Constitution.**

- ✚ Gustafson is clearly known for **legislating from the bench**.
- ✚ Ingrid was appointed by Governor **Bullock**.
- ✚ The Montana Trial **Lawyers Association is spending about \$1.5M** to get her elected! Gustafson is known for ruling in lock-step with this Progressive group.
- ✚ Her campaign **manager is Judge Moses' wife** – the Billings judge who overturned three LIFE related Legislative Bills.
- ✚ **Election Integrity - ruling from the Bench:** In spite of the fact that the **MT Constitution** explicitly provides the Legislature with authority and discretion to **decide matters of elections:**
  - Gustafson voted to **overturn SB 169 requiring Voter ID...** “*voters don't need to show government issued photo ID in order to vote*” she said.
  - She voted to **overturn HB176** that would have eliminated **election day registration** mischief by the LEFT.
- ✚ As a judge in Billings, Gustafson has the distinction of being the **most recused-overturned District Court judge** of Yellowstone County.
- ✚ As crime surges in Montana, Gustafson is known for:
  - **Being soft on crime - anti-Law enforcement!** – favoring the accused not the victims.
  - She ruled with the majority in **ruling against district court law enforcement cases**.
  - County Attorneys are having a big problem with the **Supreme Court overturning** their cases
- ✚ Her **“business friendly score”** from the Montana Chamber of Commerce was an **“F”** She consistently decides cases in favor of plaintiffs and **against business owners**.
- ✚ Leaked emails show that members of **this court routinely took positions** on bills during the 2021 legislative session coordinating with special interest groups behind the scenes. (This and the next seven bullet points see the letter from Attorney General Austin Knudson here



[https://www.bigskyworldview.org/content/docs/Library/AG\\_Knudson\\_endorses\\_James\\_Brown.pdf](https://www.bigskyworldview.org/content/docs/Library/AG_Knudson_endorses_James_Brown.pdf)

- ✚ Members of the court and their taxpayer paid employees **actively lobbied against legislation** that increased **THEIR accountability** to the public.
- ✚ They have **let criminals back on the streets**. They have upended decades of precedence regarding time served.
- ✚ The court **blocked a legislative subpoena** that sought to reveal the aforementioned behavior. Six of the seven failed to recuse themselves. They have legislated from the bench and overturned settled Law to **benefit criminals**.
- ✚ They went against legislative intent **regarding restitution**, making it harder for crime victims to be made whole by those who preyed on them.
- ✚ They have **lessened mandatory punishment** requirements.
- ✚ They have **undermined the legislatures authority** to determine punishment for crimes – setting criminals loose before they’ve served their time.

**Ingrid is clearly the Liberal-Progressive choice.**

### **Who is James Brown?**

**James Brown is currently leader of the Public Service Commission (PSC). He owns his own law business and is known to be a solid conservative, committed to the rule of law. He adamantly opposes the Judicial Activism that has characterized our Supreme Court. The conservative [ivoterguide.com](http://ivoterguide.com) characterizes James Brown as an **Originalist** and Ingrid Gustafson as a **Proven Activist**.**

- ✚ James Brown is an **“originalist”** with a similar temperament as Justices **Scalia and Thomas**.
- ✚ In his role as **Chairman of the Montana Public Service Commission**, Brown serves the **same role as judges** by deciding on legal matters and cases that affect every person in Montana.
- ✚ He says *“I’m running to **preserve our rule of law**, follow the Constitution and bring **accountability** back to the judicial branch.”*
- ✚ He has **represented agricultural** clients across Montana and would bring a small business and agricultural background to the Court.

- ✚ James **will resist** the actions of **the activist judiciary** on the supreme court that have harmed Montana’s farm and ranch community.
- ✚ He will work to bring **consistency** to the Court, avoid the appearance of conflicts of interest, and avoid **legislating from the bench**.
- ✚ At a time when **confidence in the judiciary** is being shaken, James will work to “**restore faith in the rule of law.**”
- ✚ James is former Council for the Republican Party and has **litigated** against both the state of Montana and the Federal Government in order to protect **First Amendment Rights**

**Brown is endorsed** by *Montanans for Limited Government*, [Senator Steve Daines](#), Governor Greg Gianforte, Congressman Matt Rosendale, the Montana Shooting Sports Association, Attorney General Austin Knudson, and the Montana GOP because they know he is a **true constitutional conservative**.

### **More about James Brown**

**His early days:** Brown grew up in Dillon, attended Beaverhead County High School, and graduated in 1994 with a double major in History and Political Science from the University of Montana. He earned his law degree from the Seattle University School of Law and his Masters in Tax Law from the University of Washington. Prior to attending law school, Brown worked six years in Washington D.C. as a Congressional Aide, including for U.S. Senator **Conrad Burns** of Montana.

**Background and Goals:** “[As a fourth-generation Montanan](#) whose family homesteaded in Beaverhead County in the 1880s and as a private practice attorney for the last 17 years, he represented and defended the interests of Montana’s farmers, ranchers, and small businesses—and he will take those same Montana values to the Supreme Court as your next justice. **A few of Browns statements:**

**He owns his own law firm**, wherein he employs multiple Montanans. As a business owner, Brown understands what it means to **sign both the front and back of a paycheck**.

Brown is a **member of** the Leadership Montana program, the Montana Wool Growers Association, the Montana Shooting Sports Association, the Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce, and Montana Historical Society,

## More about Ingrid Gustafson

**Ingrid Gustafson** is an incumbent. She is rated as a **Proven Activist** [by iVotersGuide.com](#)

Ingrid Gustafson has [served](#) on the Montana Supreme Court since 2017 when she was appointed by Governor Steve Bullock. Prior to that, she presided over a general jurisdiction court serving for 14 years as a District Court Judge. Prior to taking the bench in 2004, Justice Gustafson practiced law for 16 years maintaining a broad-based private practice that included state and federal criminal defense, personal injury, and domestic relations cases. During her time as a Yellowstone County District Court judge, Gustafson was **the most recused judge by litigants**.

Ingrid says there is [no room for politics in the court room](#), the problem is what she does from the bench is **exactly the opposite** as you will see below.

In [one of her TV ads](#), a business owner says she is honest, ethical, and trustworthy. But the Montana Chamber of Commerce disagreed. (See below)

**Notable recent shifting to get votes question:** Why did Justice Ingrid Gustafson **recuse herself** from the court's decision **against firearms on campus?** Details: The Montana Supreme Court ruled against Montanan's Second Amendment right to carry a firearm on a college or university campus. However, Liberal Supreme Court Justice Ingrid Gustafson recused herself from the case.

However, she **did not recuse herself** when she was subpoenaed for her public emails. By ruling on the lawfulness of her own subpoena, she engaged in a clear **conflict of interest**. As the Bozeman Daily Chronicle put it "one fundamental fact remains: [you can't be the judge in your own case.](#)"

**The Montana Chamber of Commerce gave her a 'F'** grade on Business-related litigation <https://www.montanachamber.com/advocacy/montana-justice-coalition/>

### Notable Problematic Cases:

- [Gustafson wrote \*Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue\*](#) (2018): **Wrote concurrence**. The case was over a program which "provide[d] a taxpayer a dollar-for-dollar tax credit based on the taxpayer's donation to a Student Scholarship Organization (SSO). SSOs fund tuition scholarships for

students who attend private schools meeting the definition of Qualified Education Provider (QEP). The Department of Revenue later adopted Rule 1, **excluding religiously-affiliated private schools** from qualifying as QEPs, **(The US Supreme Court reversed this)**

- [Weems v. State](#) (2019): **Signed** Justice Baker's majority opinion. Held that Weems and Doe had standing to bring a suit against a law excluding their professions from providing abortions. (**Expanded who could administer abortions**, see [more here](#))
- [McLaughlin v. Montana State Legislature](#) (2021): **Signed** Justice McKinnon's majority opinion. Held that the legislature's motion to disqualify all members of the Montana Supreme Court was denied (16)... **The court's duty would be compromised if it stepped aside for every case involving separation of powers.** This was a case of the Legislature vs. the Court. (Read more [here](#))

## Montana Legislative Candidates

Our endorsements are in **BLUE** and Opponents are in **Red**

<https://electionresults.mt.gov/ResultsSW.aspx?type=CTYALL&cty=51&map=CTY>

At this moment, I am only listing candidates that are in races the Republicans seem to have a chance to win. I have information on a few Republican candidates. If you wish, **send me information** on other Primaries. Include a similar type of description of their qualifications.

## Montana Senate Races

Senate District 4 – **John Fuller vs. Kyle Waterman**, Kalispell

- Rated [Very Conservative by iVotersGuide](#) where you can find more
- John is a life-long Montana – he and wife Cynthia are committed Christians.
- **His teaching background in History, Government and Economics** prevents him from riding his horse into the sunset quietly while our nation stumbles into socialism, tyranny and bankruptcy.
- John has a [100% rating](#) from the Montana Family Foundation
- He is solidly Pro – Life and Pro-Second Amendment
- As a Representative in HD 8, Among other Bills, he sponsored HB112 to protect women's sports. See much more on his web site [here](#).

- He scored a [97%](#) on the Montana Legislative Loyalty for 2021.

**Senate District 11** – Daniel Emrich vs Tom Jacobson

**Senate District 22** — Daniel Zolnikov vs. Terry Dennis

**Senate District 32** Randy Chamberlin vs. Pat Flowers, Belgrade

**SD 34** – Shelley Vance (Gordon’s wife) vs. Damion Lynn Belgrade

**SD 49** Brad Tschida vs. Willis Curdy

Brad is a strong Republican from Missoula his website is [here](#)

This will be one of the toughest races in Montana. SD 49 has been held by a radical, Lesbian activist for 8 years. Please consider making a contribution.

Brad is married to Leslee – they have five children and eight grandchildren. He is a life-long Montanan, educated in Montana. It’s not hard to find information on him and his beliefs. He has 12 years of educational experience as a teacher and administrator. He is also a former business owner and understands that business and not government creates strong communities that prosper economically.

**He has been endorsed by** the NRA, MSSA, and MTSFW. His memberships include NRA / MSSA / MT Fish and Game Association / St. Anthony Parish / Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife / Knights of Columbus

**Up front on his webpage**, Brad says this: **I have proven my commitment to:**

- Protecting and Preserving the Rights and Freedoms of all Montanans.
- Providing Necessary Resources for Local and State Law Enforcement and Fire Protection.
- Promoting Job Creation Through Limited Taxation.
- Forever Protecting and Preserving Access to Montana's Public Lands.
- Fighting to Reduce Business, Income and Property Taxes.
- Encouraging Responsible Development of Montana's Plentiful Natural Resources.
- Returning Healthcare Options & Control to Montanans.
- Defending Personal Freedoms & 2nd Amendment rights
- Creating More Efficient State Governance

**Brad has served four terms in the Montana House** of Representatives. He is recognized as one of the conservative leaders that is rock solid. In my personal dealings with Brad, that related to Republican party issues, he demonstrated solid commitment to doing things ethically in state-wide issues and treating campaign workers justly. He is a committed Christian.

**His Record:**

[Montana Family Foundation Legislative Score Card rating](#) – 100% (the previous woman in SD 49 held a Zero) This means that Brad voted For:

- The Born Alive Infant Protection act.
- Abortion Pill Protocols to protect women.
- Protecting Freedom of Association Speech on campuses.
- No abortion coverage in health care.
- Religion is Essential Act.
- Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
- Sex Designation on Birth Certificates not being easily changed.
- Parental Permission for Sex Education.
- (Further explanation of these bills is on the Family Foundation LINK)

**Legislative Loyalty Score Card Score:** (A good indicator of conservative consistency)

[2019 Session](#) – 96% (Third highest Republican)

[2021 Session](#) – 97% (Ranked tenth)

**Montana House of Representatives**

<https://electionresults.mt.gov/ResultsSW.aspx?type=CTYALL&cty=51&map=CTY>

HD 5 **Lyn Bennett** vs. **Dave Fern**

HD 15 **Ralph Foster** vs. **Marvin Weatherwax Jr.**

HD 28 – **Ed Hill** vs. **Paul Tuss**

HD 31 – **Arlie Gordon** vs. **Frank Smith**

HD 38 – **Greg Kmetz** – vs **Steve Muggli (Miles City)**

**HD 42 – Virginia McDonald vs. Sharon Pergoy**

**HD 47 Thomas Madigan vs. Denise Baum**

**HD 48 Jodee Etchart vs. Jennifer Merecki**

Jodee's web page is [here](#) *LISTENING. TAKING ACTION. IMPROVING LIVES*. She is a **passionate conservative**. This is a critical race of a SOLD conservative against a Radical Progressive AOC type – in spades. See below.

She is a mom, wife, and Physician Assistant who has made her life's work caring and advocating for others - and she will take that same work ethic to Helena.

She graduated from Montana State University-Billings with a BS in Human Services and from Rocky Mountain College with a BA in Physician Assistant Studies. **She has practiced as a PA for 20 years**. Jodee and her husband have been married for 19 years. Jodee enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, target shooting, and planning events.

#### **Her Priorities:**

- Property Tax reform and Fiscal Responsibility
- Economic growth and job creation
- Eliminate government overreach
- Protect Free speech and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights
- Advocate for the vulnerable

**Jennifer Merecki: A radical, Biden, AOC type Socialist.**

On the [Courage To Change](#) website we find Jennifer's name (you have to sign up but we did) as one who has taken the pledge. Here are just a few of what Merecki pledged to **unwavering commitment** to support:

- Candidates who are committed to **social, racial and economic justice**.
- Expanding **union power everywhere**.
- Increasing investments for infrastructure projects that emphasize **sustainability, equity** and access for everyone;
- Adopting the **Green New Deal**, and its principles of jobs, **justice, and decarbonization**;
- **Healthcare as a right** and not a privilege;

- Making public **colleges** and universities tuition-**free** while **canceling all student debt**.

A little picture of Jennifer is disclosed in former races. In her [run for SD 22](#) she said this. *If you called her rogue or a rebel, she would take it as a compliment.* On her [current webpage](#) she touts herself as a person of integrity and carefully avoids issues of abortion and LGBTQ issues. But take a look at her endorsements. She endorsed by most of the Far-Left organizations like Montana Sportsmen Alliance, Montana Federation of Public Employees, Montana AFL-CIO, Conservation Voters etc. as well as by a host of Far-Left individuals.

She [supported Bernie Sanders](#) in the last presidential race.

Reading between the lines She is clearly a far LEFT Progressive. Merecki **wasn't sure if she would vote for Clinton if she was confirmed** as the party's nominee.

### HD 50 **Mallerie Stromswold** vs. **James Reavis**

This is an important race because of who James Reavis is. Look carefully at his web page.

Mallerie voting record in the 2021 legislator was strong.

- She was given an Award for Political Achievement by The [Center for Political Achievement](#). She scored an 83%. The Republican House average was a 84% and the Democrats average was 13%.
- [Her Legislative Loyalty Card](#) was a 91% - her letter grade was a B.
- Her legislative score with the Montana Family Foundation was 75%, the highest Democrat scored a 17%
- Americans For Prosperity and the Montana Chamber of Commerce both scored her well.

### His web page is here [James Reavis for Montana](#)

James is a public attorney and if you read the web page, it is vague. If you look at his web page, he is a Progressive through and through. But hidden in rhetoric is:

- The right to *determine* when you start a family - aka Pro-Abortion.
- Support of Public Schools fully funded - aka no support School Choice
- Support for clean water and air... aka Environmentalism. Green New Deal..



- Support for affordable health care... aka One payer health care.
- Full support of Unions...aka against Right to work.

### **HD 51 Mike Yakowich vs. Carole Boerner**

Mike and his wife Yukiko have been married for 40 years. They have five children and four grandchildren. He is originally from Butte. He is a graduate of the University of Montana and has lived in Billings for 35 years. Mike's service record is amazing. Here are a few examples.

- He served 8 years on the Billings City Council helping us defeat a Non-Discrimination ordinance twice.
- Yellowstone CT Behavioral Health Local advisory board
- Mayor Reduce Suicide board
- Phillips 66 Refinery Citizens Advisory Committee

### **HD 52 Sherry Essman vs. Jenna Martin**

Sherry Essmann and her husband Jeff have served Montana for years. They are solid conservatives and level headed people.

#### **Her Goals for Montana**

- Build a robust, vibrant economy where everyone can learn the value and the virtues of self-reliance and a strong work ethic.
- Recognize and uphold the Constitutions of the United States and Montana and maintain our freedoms and liberties.
- Provide safe and sound communities where the police are respected, supported, and praised for their good work
- Maintain a school system that respects the values of its students and their parents, and provides for educational choice.
- Accept personal responsibility and maintain our independence.

HD 52 **Jenna Martin** find her website [here](#)

Five minutes on her web site will tell you that Jenna is a big government, Green New Deal, Progressive. She worked at the Billings Psychiatric Hospital and

Headstart, and volunteered at the Crisis Center and the HUB (before it was shut down). [And boy, did it need to be shut down – talk about corruption!]

### **Her indorsements tell you a lot:**

- Montana Federation of Public Employees – this is largely the teachers union. Need we define how far left they are?
- The Montana Conservation Voters – the title sounds kind of conservative but this group is far LEFT, lots of big money. Think Green New Deal

### **Her Issues: they scream far Left.**

- I've voiced frustration at the **defunding of public schools [what defunding?]**, and have been to countless "hearings for public comment" where the public comment (especially in cases of **clean energy**, environmental regulation and **gun control**), has been outright ignored.
- I support legislation that **strengthens** unions, strengthens pensions, raises the minimum wage, and prevents all workers from experiencing further **economic exploitation**.
- Funneling money from public education systems to private and charter schools leaves low income, rural students without little to no education options. [Exactly the opposite is true]

### **HD 60 Dan Skattum vs. Laurie Bishop**

A constitutional Conservative vs. a far Left Progressive.

### **HD 65 James Cocco vs. Kelly Korthum**

### **HD 68 Caleb Hinkle vs Joe Hancock**

Caleb Hinkle, Republican Bozeman Website is [here](#)

Is rated as a Conservative by [2022 IVotersGuide](#).

Caleb served his state and country in the Montana Army National Guard as an 11C Indirect Fire Infantryman. He has also over the past 10 years fought for a more free and fiscally conservative Montana at the grassroots level. "My votes this session show I am a conservative." More info also [here](#).

### **Endorsements:**

- 100% [Montana Family Foundation Legislative](#) score cared.
- He is Pro-Life and carried the Personhood Amendment, defining life as beginning at conception and giving the unborn full legal rights.
- "A" rating with the American Conservative Union.
- Montanans for Limited Government - 100%.
- "A" rating from the NRA
- Single highest rated legislator with Americans for Prosperity
- Human Rights Network – 6% (That’s a good score for a conservative)

HD 77 [John Fitzpatrick](#) vs. [Sara Novak](#)

HD 92 [Mike Hopkins](#) vs. [Gary Stein](#)

### [Ballot Initiatives We Support](#)

#### **C-48 (SB 203) Vote Yes**

**Subject:** “An act submitting to the qualified electors of Montana an amendment to Article II, Section 11, of the Montana Constitution to **explicitly include electronic data and communications in search and seizure protections.**”

**Type:** Constitutional Amendment

**Status:** Legislature referred SB 203 to the 2022 General Election Ballot.

**Fiscal Note:** No fiscal note.

#### **LR-131 (HB 167) Vote Yes. Babies can actually be allowed to die without this after they are born without this. There is no Federal law to prevent this.**

**Subject:** “An act adopting the [Born-Alive Infant Protection Act](#); providing that infants born alive, including infants born alive after an abortion, are legal persons; requiring health care providers to take necessary actions to preserve the life of a born-alive infant; providing a penalty; providing that the proposed act be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana; and providing an effective date.”

**Type:** Legislative Referendum

**Status:** Legislature referred HB 167 to the 2022 General Election Ballot.

**Robin Sertell of [Abortion Survivors Network](#)** is living proof that this is actually happening as you can view [here](#).