

February 13, 2024

Members of the Flathead County Republican Central Committee,

My name is Mike Berg, and I am the Communications Director for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Chairman Daines forwarded your letter dated February 8, 2024, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide a response.

While my statement that Rep. Rosendale was a "Democrat plant" contained political hyperbole, there are several facts that have come to light for your consideration.

First, I was concerned about an October 3, 2023 [report](#) in the Billings Gazette wherein Rep. Rosendale said he prayed each night before the 2022 midterms that Republicans would perform poorly. As a Republican who seeks to halt Joe Biden and Nancy's Pelosi's agenda, these comments were disheartening to hear, to say the least.

Second, on January 27, 2024, Fox News [reported](#), "[a] Democratic super PAC, which is aligned with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, is behind a shadowy group buying ads boosting potential Republican Senate candidate Rep. Matt Rosendale, who is mulling a Senate bid to challenge conservative firebrand Tim Sheehy."

Finally, on February 13, 2024, Daily Mail [reported](#) that Rep. Rosendale "said on the Voices of Montana radio program on Monday that he is stunned by the 'heartfelt' support he is getting from a 'number' of Democrats."

The fact that Democrats are spending millions of dollars promoting Rep. Rosendale's candidacy over Tim Sheehy should concern Republicans. I believe Democrats are doing this because Senator Jon Tester defeated Congressman Rosendale in 2018 by a larger margin than any of his previous Republican opponents, and they are confident they can defeat him again.

It is my hope that this letter sheds light on the rationale behind my comments, and I look forward to a continued dialogue as Republicans work to unseat Senator Tester in the upcoming election. President Trump has endorsed Tim Sheehy in the U.S. Senate race, and is asking Rep. Rosendale to run for re-election for the MT-2 seat. Chairman Daines supports President Trump's position. If Rep. Rosendale takes President Trump's advice, it will avoid two divisive primaries, at a time when we should be uniting to defeat Democrats.

It will take all of us working together to accomplish that difficult task, because as we know, the path to socialism runs through a divided Republican Party.

Respectfully,

Mike Berg  
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