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From: Small, Pam [psmall@utk.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 3:45 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: southern poverty law center

Dear Mrs. Foss,

I am writing because I have been told that you are spreading the belief that the Southern Poverty Law Center is an organization that is promoting homosexuality in the schools. I do not know what your interactions with this group are, but I need to let you know that this is quite an inaccurate portrayal of what Southern Poverty Law Center stands for. My husband and I had some interactions with this group when we worked in the civil rights movement in the 60s. This organization has always worked to support compassionate acceptance for all people. The idea that they are "pushing" homosexuality is antithetical to what they stand for. They do not promote homosexuality any more than they promote people becoming black, jewish, Mormon, or disabled. They are simply trying to help us all understand the importance and value of extending kindness to all people. This is a basic Christian doctrine that it is difficult to find fault with.

Rumors spread quickly in the Bitterroot. Perhaps what I have heard is not true and if so, I apologize for sending you unnecessary e-mail!

Best regards, Pam Small