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**From:** Chris Hockman [hockman\_cw@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2013 1:40 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Objection to Ravalli County government participation with 501 (c)(4) : American Lands Council

Dear Commissioners,

Let me be plain. Like Christians who do not want their taxes spent on contraception because they find it morally reprehensible, **I DO NOT WANT MY TAXES SPENT ON ANY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE/501(c)(4) ENGAGED IN LOBBYING REGARDLESS OF THE ISSUE.** Nor do I want the government I pay for, to - on any level - collect and redistribute funds to 501(c)(4) special interest groups engaged in lobbying. Lobbying groups utilizing this tax status threaten the democratic principles that we citizens should cherish.

The American Lands Council of South Jordan UT, as discussed by Commissioner Foss in this morning's BCC meeting is described as follows on their website: ALC is a 501(c)(4) exempt organization and contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. <http://www.americanlandscouncil.org/index.html>

Commissioner Foss advised the BCC of donated monies (received or pledged) from citizens who are interested in the Ravalli County government matching their contributions somehow to this 501(c)(4) political action committee.

I am looking forward to the public discussion with the BCC regarding this topic and hope for much public participation.

Sincerely,  
Chris Hockman