Montana's Road to Ruin Starts Here

Why the Nikolakakos Duo Must Be Booted Before They Bankrupt Our Freedom

By Sally Tucker

Montana families are being sold out by the very people who swore to protect them. George and Melissa Nikolakakos — the husband-and-wife tag team from Great Falls —**aren't conservatives or even moderate Republicans**. They are a disastrous, failing-grade duo whose voting records have done more to grow government, deepen federal dependency, and betray conservative values than most Democrats could dream of. Their combined legacy is bigger budgets, weaker gun rights, eroded parental protections, and Montana's sovereignty handed to Washington on a silver platter.

Melissa Nikolakakos: The Lowest-Scoring Republican Legislator in the Entire Montana House

Melissa holds the lowest score of any Republican legislator on the Montana Family Foundation scorecard — a pathetic 60/100. That isn't a "middling" grade. That is a flaming failing score that screams total disregard for family, faith, and parental rights.

She earned that rock-bottom ranking by voting AGAINST the very bills that protect Montana children and families:

NO on HB 320 — shielding students and employees from punishment for refusing biologically inaccurate pronouns or compelled speech.

- NO on HB 400 — basic free-speech protections in public schools.
- NO on SB 164 — banning irreversible gender-altering treatments on minors under 16.
- NO on SB 218 — giving victims of harmful gender-transition procedures the right to sue.
- NO on SB 474 — protecting religious and medical exemptions for immunizations.

While campaigning on "Montana values," she sponsored HB 310 — a new Homeless Shelter Grant Program that expands government handouts and ties us to even more outside funding. Her YES votes on massive spending bills like HB 863 and HB 924 only tighten the federal leash.

George Nikolakakos: Barely Better… But Still a Complete Failure — The Unforgivable RINO Traitor Who Begged for a Pro-Gun Bill Then Lobbied Hard to Gut and Kill the Bill He Begged to Sponsor

George scrapes a still-failing 67/100 on the same Montana Family Foundation scorecard. His 50% Freedom Index score matches Melissa's exactly — meaning both voted against limited-government and constitutional principles as often as they supported them.

But George's betrayal runs even deeper. The smoking gun is HB 433 — the Montana Shooting Sports Association's proud "Innocent Until Proven Guilty" bill that would have protected Second Amendment rights by stopping the government from stripping firearms from people merely accused (not convicted) of non-violent crimes. George begged MSSA to let him sponsor this pro-gun, pro-liberty legislation — then stabbed them (and every freedom-loving Montanan) in the back. He watered it down with gutting amendments, pushed those changes on the House floor, and ultimately urged colleagues to kill the bill outright rather than let it pass in its intended form. That's not conservative — that's straight out of the California playbook: pretend to support the 2A while quietly disarming law-abiding citizens.

His spending record is just as treacherous. George rubber-stamped the big-government wish list that chains Montana to federal overlords:

- HB 2 (the massive state budget monster) — YES. This explodes agencies and pours billions into Medicaid programs that are 80–90% federally funded, forcing Montana to obey Washington's whims on vaccine mandates, hospital protocols (Remdesivir, DEI quotas, data surveillance), and the same heavy-handed controls that crushed medical freedom during COVID.
- HB 3 (supplemental spending frenzy) — YES. More mid-biennium dollars tied to federal emergency funds and public-health dictates.
- HB 863 — YES. Expands programs requiring federal approval, including DEI and "health equity" rules.
- HB 924 — YES. Creates new initiatives locked into multi-year federal matching funds and oversight.

As Dr. Simone Gold has warned: "When government agencies pressure hospitals to enforce uniform protocols, patients lose freedom to choose their own care." George voted to deepen the very dependency that let Washington override Montana doctors and patients during the pandemic.

He also voted NO on limiting government overreach (HB 382), YES on ballooning long-term spending (HB 15), and YES on expanding government involvement (HJ 5). These aren't Montana values — these are Sacramento, California values.

The Nikolakakos Duo Is Bankrupting Montana's Freedom

Together they form the perfect storm: the lowest-scoring Republican wife on family values paired with a husband who sabotages gun rights and sells out sovereignty for federal cash. This husband-and-wife tag team is working in perfect sync to grow government, invite Washington's mandates, and hand our freedoms to the highest federal bidder.

Great Falls and Cascade County deserve warriors for liberty — not politicians who talk like Montanans but vote like California progressives. They have already proven they will choose bigger government and Washington's money over Montana's independence every single time.

The 2026 primaries are the moment to end this nightmare. Retire the Nikolakakoses — both of them — and replace them with real conservatives who actually fight for limited government, strong families, strong gun rights, and Montana-first policies.

Montana's road to ruin stops here. Boot this husband-wife sellout team before they finish the job.