

Janet Bierer's complaint to the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices

On Monday, April 13th, Montana State Representative, Teresa Manzella posted on Facebook "Are there any Nail Techs out there willing to make house calls while this 'emergency' is going on?" She then changed her post to include the word "unlicensed" (yes, she spelled it incorrectly).

In my 20 years in this industry, it has NEVER been allowed to provide salon services outside of a salon. And it has never been allowed for unlicensed individuals to provide Cosmetology services anywhere.

She wants her nails done, and attacked at least 3 local salon owners on Facebook for refusing to break the Governor mandated shut-down. When called out on her inappropriate post, she doubled down on it and attacked an entire cosmetology industry full of individuals who depend on their reputations and good standing and word of mouth and having a license.

She chose to treat the industry like it was stupid and worthless, and that those who are in it were ridiculous for following the governors guidelines and those of the CDC in order to keep themselves and others safe. And all because her precious nails are so much more important than her constituents and their lives/livelihoods!

She's being so petty, that she is calling me a "lunatic" for refusing, and blaming it on my daughters death 10 years ago. That's pretty low. The attached screen shots show how OUT OF LINE her personal attacks are. Cosmetology is an industry which has been one of the hardest hit by this pandemic and which has very little support for those employed in it when it comes to collecting unemployment. It has incredible hoops and regulations and schooling to complete to be licensed and knowledgeable and competent at, as well as adhere to very real safety standards and precautions - FOR AN EXTREMELY GOOD REASON - and one that just so happens have a mainly FEMALE population as it's purveyors and clientele.

Teresa Manzella has NO respect for the Cosmetology industry, or licensed professionals, because she feels she is above the law. She is calling our Governor a "monarch" in a PUBLIC post. She's comparing his mandate to Nazi concentration camps. What an insult to the people who actually lived in concentration camps. She is openly telling people to ignore the Stay At Home order and go back to work.

Her complete lack of respect, insults, slander and threats are NOT acceptable behavior from a state representative. If a person disagrees, they get called a raging liberal (I couldn't be more conservative).

People are dying. Here in Montana people are losing their lives to this virus. The stay at home order reduces the amount of people who are going to perish from this virus. Manzella refers to our Governor as a "monarch" who is issuing this as a decree. He's following orders from the President and the CDC. The entire nation is complying with the stay at home order, what gives her the right to flagrantly defy this order, and advise other to do so?

By not following these 'stay at home' measures Ms. Manzella is contributing to the spread of corona virus and the deaths of those who are elderly, immuno-compromised or unlucky.

Montana is very lucky our Governor acted swiftly and we have seen minimal deaths compared to other parts of the country. Social Distancing is working, and such rude insults toward the Governor and the people who are following the Social Distancing guidelines, is shocking. The way she speaks about the Governor is threatening and most certainly inflammatory.

Her selfish desire to get her nails done, by ANYONE, while all of our clients are not able to get them done professionally, is an insult to our clients and our education. Insulting my industry, but asking licensed, or unlicensed individuals to provide services, is equivalent to saying all of our training, and education is worthless. Asking these people to break the stay at home order, is an insult to our livelihood.

Just 2 weeks ago, Teresa Manzella BRAGGED on Facebook that she had been exposed to covid 19, and she had self-quarantined with her partner for 2 days. When multiple people told her that wasn't long enough, she deleted her post. She has absolutely NO education on the topic, but thinks she knows it all. And is going out of her way to avoid following common sense safety measures. Screen shots of this have also been shared on Facebook. Deleting posts seems to be a common way of handling it when people try to debate her.

PLEASE stop this woman. She needs to be publicly reprimanded, and/or removed from office.