



# Denley Loge: Another Record of Betrayal

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**M**ontana voters deserve legislators who defend liberty, protect family values, and shrink government's reach. Instead, time and again, Denley Loge has sided with bloated budgets, expanded programs, and half-measures that erode Montana's sovereignty. When held up against the same standard applied to George and Melissa Nikolakakos, Loge's record shows he belongs in the same category of Republicans who wear the label but betray the principles.

## Big Spending Votes

## HB 2 – State Fiscal Budget (2025–27)

Loge voted **YES** on the massive state budget bill. Just like George and Melissa Nikolakakos, who backed HB 2, this single vote locked Montana into more government growth and deeper dependence on Washington dollars. Nearly half of Montana's budget already comes from D.C. — and HB 2 tightens those chains.

## HB 252 – Teacher Pay Hike (\$100 Million)

Loge voted **YES** on this new program to raise starting teacher pay. While it sounds good in a campaign mailer, it saddles taxpayers with long-term obligations and grows government payroll. Just like Melissa Nikolakakos sponsoring HB 310 (homeless shelter grants), Loge chose more programs and more dependency instead of true conservative restraint.

## Weakness on Principles

## SB 379 – Tribal Consultation Requirement

Loge voted **NO** on requiring state agencies to adopt formal tribal consultation policies. Conservatives should stand for clear accountability and constitutional cooperation, but Loge chose the opposite. His refusal to back transparency mirrors the same kind of principle failures the Nikolakakoses displayed on bills like HB 382 and HJ 5.

## HB 231 & SB 542 – Homestead and Property Tax Bills

Loge voted **YES** on both bills. On paper, they promised tax relief, but in practice they shifted burdens without solving the core problem of rising property taxes. Just like Melissa's campaign promises versus her record, Loge's vote here represents a half-truth to voters — talking about relief while delivering little.

## Family and Values

## HB 400 – Pronoun and Free Speech Protections in Schools

Loge voted **YES** on HB 400, a bill intended to protect students and teachers from being forced into compelled speech on gender pronouns. But the measure fell short of addressing broader parental rights and family protections. Compared to Melissa Nikolakakos voting *against* similar values bills (HB 320, SB 164, SB 218), Loge positioned himself slightly better — yet still failed to champion a full defense of family liberty. A half-measure is not leadership.

## The Pattern

Denley Loge's record reveals the same pattern as George and Melissa Nikolakakos:

- Support for **bloated budgets** (HB 2)
- Willingness to back **new spending programs** (HB 252)
- Weakness on **principled reforms** (SB 379)
- Tax bills that promise relief but **fail to deliver** (HB 231, SB 542)
- Only partial defense of **family values** (HB 400)

Montana cannot afford another legislator who claims the Republican banner while delivering bigger government, federal dependency, and weak defenses of liberty. Denley Loge's record proves he has more in common with the RINO betrayals of George and Melissa Nikolakakos than with true constitutional conservatives.

**Final Word:** If Montanans want to restore sovereignty, shrink government, and protect family values, they must retire not only the Nikolakakoses — but Denley Loge as well. His votes speak louder than his words, and his record makes clear: Denley Loge cannot be trusted to fight for Montana’s future. 🗳️