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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

JUSTICE JIM RICE,

Petitioner,

vs.

THE MONTANA STATE  
LEGISLATURE, by Senator Mark  
Blasdel, President of the Senate, and  
Wylie Galt, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives,

Respondents.

Cause No. BDV-2021-451

Hon. Michael F. McMahon *(email)*

**RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO  
DISMISS**

The Legislature respectfully moves to dismiss this proceeding because it has withdrawn the subpoena at issue, which renders this case moot. There is no applicable exception to mootness, and any opinion from this Court would

constitute an advisory opinion. This Motion is supported by a Brief in Support filed contemporaneously herewith.

DATED the 22nd day of July, 2021.

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