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## IN THE MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Montana Democratic Party and Mitch Bohn,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Christi Jacobsen, in her official capacity as Montana Secretary of State,

Defendant.

Cause No.: DV 21-0451

Judge: Michael Moses

DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER TO STAY DISCOVERY PURSUANT TO RULE 26(C)(1)

Defendant Christi Jacobsen, in her official capacity as Montana Secretary of State, ("Defendant" of "Jacobsen") moves the Court for a Protective Order under Rule 26(c) to stay discovery until the Court has resolved Defendant's pending motion to dismiss. Should the Court

deny this motion, Secretary Jacobsen would request the Court provide it with a reasonable time to respond to Plaintiffs' discovery requests following the entry of the Court's decision.

Counsel for Secretary Jacobsen has contacted and conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs regarding this motion and the relief requested, and counsel for Plaintiffs has indicated that Plaintiffs oppose this motion.

This motion is supported by the accompanying brief in support.

DATED this 13th day of August, 2021.

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