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MONTANA EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
GALLATIN COUNTY

STEVE BARRETT, ET AL.

Plaintiffs,

V.

STATE OF MONTANA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Cause No. DV-21-581 B Honorable Rienne H. McElyea

DECLARATION OF KATHLEEN L. SMITHGALL

I, KATHLEEN L. SMITHGALL, make the following Declaration under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am counsel for Defendants in the above action, am competent to testify as to the matters set forth herein, and make this Declaration based on my own personal knowledge and/or belief. I am generally familiar with the claims, materials, documents, and pleadings regarding this matter.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' responses to the State's first set of discovery requests.

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- 3. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Montana Supreme Court's decision in *Board of Regents v. State*, 2022 MT 128, ____ Mont.___, ___ P.3d ___ (June 29, 2022).
- 4. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

DATED this 1st day of July, 2022.

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