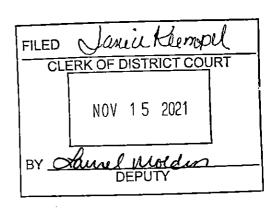
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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT RICHLAND COUNTY

NETZER LAW OFFICE, and DONALD L. NETZER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STATE OF MONTANA, by and through AUSTIN KNUDSEN, in his official capacity as Attorney General, and LAURIE ESAU, Montana Commissioner of Labor and Industry,

Defendants.

Cause No. DV-21-89

STATE OF MONTANA'S MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO MONT. R. CIV. P. 12(b)

Plaintiffs' Response to Motion to Dismiss Due: Dec. 2, 2021

Defendants Austin Knudsen and Laurie Esau (collectively, the "State"), move to dismiss Plaintiffs' complaint under Mont. R. Civ. P. 12(b).

Counsel for the Plaintiffs were contacted regarding the State's motion and indicated that they oppose it.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2021.

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