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Case Number: DA 21-0392

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Supreme Court Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE BILLINGS GAZETTE, THE BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE, THE HELENA INDEPENDENT RECORD, THE MISSOULIAN, THE MONTANA STANDARD, MONTANA FREE PRESS, THE RAVALLI REPUBLIC, LEE ENTERPRISES, HAGADONE MEDIA MONTANA, THE MONTANA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION, and THE MONTANA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION.

Petitioners and Appellants

NOTICE OF APPEAL

V.

BARRY USHER in his capacity as Chair of the Montana House of Representatives, Judiciary Committee

Respondent and Appellee

NOTICE is given that the above-named Appellants who were the Petitioners in that cause of action filed in the First Judicial District, in and for the County of Lewis and Clark as cause Number ADV-2021-124 hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of the State of Montana from the final judgment entered in such action on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

## THE APPELLANTS FURTHER CERTIFY

- 1. That this appeal is not subject to the mediation process required by M.R.App. P. 7
- 2. This appeal is not an appeal from an order certified as final under M.R.Civ.P. 54(b).
- 3. That the judgment, below, was resolved on briefs of the parties and no transcribed proceedings were held by the court, below.
- 4. That included, herewith, is the filing fee prescribed by statute.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have filed a true and accurate copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF APPEAL with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court and that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing NOTICE OF APPEAL upon the Clerk of the District Court and each attorney of record, as follows:

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Peter M. Meloy, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice - Notice of Appeal to the following on 08-08-2021:

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Electronically Signed By: Peter M. Meloy

Dated: 08-08-2021