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MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

LAUREL CARED, Plaintiff, vs. STATE OF MONTANA, Defendant.	Cause No. DV 26-0855 JUDGE ED ZINK **ORDER SETTING HEARING ON REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Upon review of Plaintiff's *Motion for Temporary Restraining Order & Preliminary Injunction* and Defendant's Response objecting to the requested relief, the Court finds that a hearing is necessary on the question of whether the relief of preliminary injunction shall be granted. Mont. Code Annot. § 27-19-303.

The Court declines to issue a temporary restraining order pursuant to Mont. Code Annot. § 27-19-314 in the interim due to the short timeframe remaining before the hearing and the disagreement between the parties as to the applicable legal standard that governs injunctive relief in this case. Therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion is set for the **10th day of August 2026, at 1:15 p.m.,** before the Court in a courtroom to be determined at the Yellowstone County Courthouse, 217 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana 59101.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW

Electronically Signed By:
Hon. Judge Ed Zink
Thu, Jul 30 2026 01:15:41 PM

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