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MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

LAUREL CARED, Plaintiff, vs. STATE OF MONTANA, Defendant.	Cause No.: DV-56-2026-0000855-DK Judge: Hon. Ed Zink **DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF ISSUE**

The Montana Board of Investments and Department of Public Health and Human Services (the "Agencies") respectfully provide notice that the Agencies' Motion to Dissolve Preliminary Injunction (Doc. 45) has been fully briefed. The Agencies filed their Brief in Support of Motion to Dissolve Preliminary Injunction on September 18, 2026 (Doc. 46), Plaintiff filed its Response to Defendants' Motion to Dissolve Preliminary Injunction on October 2, 2026 (Doc. 48), and the

Agencies filed their Reply Brief in Further Support of Motion to Dissolve Preliminary Injunction on October 5, 2026 (Doc. 55). Pursuant to Local Rule 5 and the Agencies' respectful request for expeditious action by the Court, a courtesy copy of the fully briefed Motion to Dissolve Preliminary Injunction has been provided to the Court's Chambers.

Dated this 5th day of October 2026.

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