

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
OP 21-0173

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BETH McLAUGHLIN,

Petitioner,

v.

The MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE, and the MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,

Respondents.

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**DECLARATION OF KRISTIN HANSEN**

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## DECLARATION

1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and am currently employed by the Montana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.
2. Attached hereto as *Exhibit A* is a compilation of emails that have been publicly disclosed by members of the press, namely at <https://montanataalks.com/documents-obtained-montana-judges-above-the-law/>, last accessed April 14, 2021.
3. Attached hereto as *Exhibit B* is the Judicial Branch's Email policy.
4. Attached hereto as *Exhibit C* is email correspondence between Administrator McLaughlin and a Legislative staffer.
5. On April 9, 2021, DOA Director Misty Ann Giles produced over 5,000 emails in response to the Legislature's subpoena.
6. Prior to production, DOA conducted legal review to redact and remove decisional case-related matters and any sensitive or protected information.
7. The Legislature also conducted a review for protected and confidential information.

8. Currently, the emails produced are held by the Legislature's counsel and no sensitive or protected information has been disclosed.
9. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April,  
2021.

By:



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Kristin Hansen  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kristin N. Hansen, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing  
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