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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF	F THE STATE OF MONTANA
Supreme Court Cause No.	

MONTANA EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CASCADE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:	Cause No.: DDN-21-046
R.N., YOUTH IN NEED OF CARE.	INTERVENORS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE is hereby given that the Intervenors, Charissa Wagner and

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Benjamin Wagner, by and through their counsel of record, Timothy M. Dick, Esq. and Amanda D. Hunter, Esq., do hereby appeal to the Montana Supreme Court from the August 28, 2023, Final Judgment issued by the Montana Eighth Judicial District Court, Cascade County ruling dismissing the case in favor of the Montana Department of Health and Human Services.

THE APPELLANT FURTHER CERTIFIES:

- 1. The appellant certifies that this appeal is not subject to the mediation process required by M. R. App. P. 7. The judgment being sought involves a youth in need of care and the best interests of a youth in need of care and compliance with Montana law and procedure in the matter.
- 2. That this appeal is an appeal from an order certified as final under M. R. Civ. P. 54(b). A true copy of the District Court's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". This Order of Dismissal is final, and all parties are no longer able to seek any further relief from the District Court in this matter and Appellant has also exhausted all potential remedies which may have been available through the District Court.
- 3. No notice is required by M. R. App. P. 27. This appeal does not challenge the constitutionality of any act of the Montana Legislature.
- 4. That all available transcripts of the proceedings in this cause have

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been ordered from the court reporter contemporaneously with the filing of this notice of appeal.

5. That included herewith is the filing fee prescribed by statute.

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have filed the true and accurate original 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 Eighth Judicial District Court, and each attorney of record, in the above-referenced Eighth Judicial District Court action, as follows:

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I, Amanda Dawn Hunter, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice - Amended Notice of Appeal Filed to the following on 09-22-2023:

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