IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA Supreme Court Cause No. DA 24-0261

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CHRISTOPHER SHELTON, VICKY COSTA, AND TODD COSTA,

Appellants,

v.

STATE OF MONTANA,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
an agency of the State of Montana,
SUSAN RIDGEWAY, AXILON LAW
GROUP, PLLC, PAUL S. HENNING,
AARON J. DAVIES and DOES 1-20,

Appellees.

STIPULATION TO HOLD TIME IN ABEYANCE

COME NOW the parties and advise that pursuant to Mont. R. App. P.

7(3)(b), they have stipulated to hold the time requirements of the Montana Rules of

Appellate Procedure in abeyance pending completion of the mandatory appellate alternative dispute resolution. Based upon the parties stipulation and Mont. R. App. P. 7(3)(b), Appellants' opening brief will be due either 30 days after the filing of the mediator's report or 30 days after the expiration of the 75-day time limit, whichever occurs earlier.

DATED this 31st day of May, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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