

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

OP 25-0489

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HEATHEN BLODHARN,

Petitioner,

v.

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS,Respondent.  

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On July 10, 2025, this Court received self-represented Petitioner Heathen Blodharn's verified Emergency Petition for Writ of Injunction, dated June 25, 2025. Blodharn states that he is refusing medical care during a self-imposed hunger strike. He requests to enjoin the Montana Department of Corrections and "its Agents, Representatives, and Contractors" from placing an intravenous line in his body or force-feeding him while he is being housed in a prison in Ohio. Upon review of Blodharn's Petition, we deem it appropriate to require an expedited response.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Attorney General or counsel for the Department of Corrections is GRANTED **fifteen** days from the date of this Order in which to prepare, file, and serve a written response (on or before July 31, 2025). No extensions of time will be allowed.

The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Order to counsel of record and to Heathen Blodharn personally.

Electronically signed by:  
Beth Baker  
Justice, Montana Supreme Court  
July 16 2025