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MONTANA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MISSOULA COUNTY

CASEY PERKINS, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
STATE OF MONTANA, et al.,
Defendants,
and
KERRI SEEKINS-CROWE,
Intervenor-Defendant.

Dept. 5

DV-32-2025-282
Hon. Shane Vannatta

**DEFENDANTS' AND INTERVENOR-
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
DISQUALIFICATION FOR CAUSE**

Defendants State of Montana; Gregory Gianforte, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Montana; and Austin Knudsen, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of Montana (collectively, “Defendants”), and Intervenor-Defendant Kerri Seekins-Crowe (“Intervenor-Defendant”), through counsel of record, respectfully move to disqualify Judge Shane Vannatta for cause, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 3-1-805.

Counsel for Defendants contacted counsel for Plaintiffs regarding their position on this Motion, and Plaintiffs oppose.

For the reasons set forth in the concurrently filed Affidavit of Michael Noonan and Brief in Support, Defendants and Intervenor-Defendant respectfully request that Judge Vannatta be disqualified from presiding over the above-captioned matter.

Dated this 29th day of August 2025.

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