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MONTANA TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LAKE COUNTY

TRACY SHARP, LARRY ASHCRAFT,  
LUKAS SCHUBERT, MATTHEW REGIER,  
and REPUBLICANS FOR FREEDOM,

Cause No. DV 24-153

Hon. Molly E. Owen

Plaintiffs and Petitioners,

v.

INVITATION  
TO ACCEPT JURISDICTION

CHRISTI JACOBSEN, in her official capacity  
as Montana Secretary of State,

Defendant and Respondent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Honorable Molly Owen, presiding judge of Department No. 1, has on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, been substituted in the above action. The Honorable John A. Mercer previously recused himself from this matter on July 15, 2024. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 3-1-804(6), Judge Mercer has the duty of calling in all subsequent district judges. Therefore, Judge Mercer invites the Honorable Michael Menahan to assume jurisdiction in the above-entitled cause.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

*[Signature]*  
John A. Mercer  
District Judge

Jurisdiction assumed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

*[Signature]*  
Michael Menahan  
District Judge

CC: Counsel of Record  
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