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**MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY**

RIKKI HELD, ET AL.,
Plaintiffs,

v.

STATE OF MONTANA, ET AL.,
Defendants.

Cause CDV-2020-307
Hon. Kathy Seeley

**DEFENDANTS' RULE 35(a) MOTION
FOR INDEPENDENT MEDICAL
EXAMINATION OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, MOTION TO STRIKE
OPINIONS AND TESTIMONY OF
DR. LISE VAN SUSTEREN**

Pursuant to Mont. R. Civ. P. 35(a), Defendants State of Montana, et al., move this Court to order the independent medical examinations of eight Plaintiffs by Dr. William D. Stratford. Ordering the independent medical examinations is proper


because each Plaintiff's mental health is in controversy and good cause exists for the examinations.

Alternatively, if the Court does not grant the State's request for independent medical examinations, the State moves the Court to strike the opinions and testimony of Dr. Lise Van Susteren. It would be highly prejudicial and patently unfair to allow Plaintiffs to be examined by a medical professional and provide expert opinions yet deny the State the same opportunity. This Motion is supported by the accompanying Brief and Declaration of Dr. William D. Stratford. Plaintiffs have been contacted and oppose this motion.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2022.

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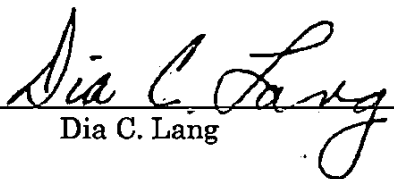
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