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September 26, 2023

Montana Secretary of State
Attn: Ray Dagnall, Program Specialist
State Capitol Building
Helena, MT 59601

RE: Legislative Committee Review of I-192

Dear Mr. Dagnall:

Section 13-27-228, MCA (enacted as section 13, [Chapter 647, Laws of 2023](#)), requires an "appropriate interim committee or legislative council" to review proposed initiatives that are referred to our office by the Secretary of State by conducting a public hearing, voting on whether to support or not support the placement of the proposed statewide initiative text on the ballot, and reporting the outcome of the vote to the Secretary of State no later than 14 days after receipt of the final text of the proposed statewide initiative and ballot statements. On September 14, 2023, our office received the final text of a statutory initiative from the Secretary of State's office for an act entitled I-192, which proposes to designate the American rodeo as the official sport of Montana.

On September 26, 2023, the [Economic Affairs Interim Committee \(EAIC\)](#) held a public hearing regarding I-192 and conducted a vote regarding the initiative. The EAIC voted on a motion to "support the placement of the text of the proposed text of this initiative on the ballot." There are 10 members of the Montana Legislature on the EAIC, and the outcome of the vote was 10 in favor of placing the measure on the ballot, with 0 members voting no on the motion, and 0 members abstaining from the vote.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Erin Sullivan in blue ink.

Erin Sullivan
EAIC Lead Staff

Handwritten signature of Jerry Howe in black ink.
Jerry Howe
Executive Director

cc: Initiative Sponsor Tony Hudson
Todd Everts, Jaret Coles, Julie Johnson, Leah Hibbs