



MONTANA STATE SENATE

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Senator Jason Ellsworth
President of the Senate
P.O. Box 200500
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Dear President Ellsworth:

As Democratic senators, our focus during this interim is on the real problems facing working Montanans—rising property taxes, the worsening housing crisis, threats to health care access, the serious shortage of affordable childcare, and the closure of nursing homes across the state. While we stand ready to partner with you and other Republicans on addressing these and other important issues, we cannot and will not waste valuable time and taxpayer resources to continue your party's campaign undermining the independence of our courts.

Accordingly, we cannot accept our appointments to the select committee and will not be participating in its activities.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jen Gross in black ink.

SEN. JEN GROSS
Senate District 25

Handwritten signature of Janet H. Ellis in black ink.

SEN. JANET ELLIS
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SEN. SHANE MORIGEAU
Senate District 48

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SEN. ANDREA OLSEN
Senate District 50

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SEN. MARY ANN DUNWELL
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