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**Re: No. 24-542, *Rhode v. Bonta (en banc)*, Amicus in support of appellees**

Dear Clerk:

Pursuant to Circuit Rule 29-1, the State of Montana, by and through Attorney General Austin Knudsen, hereby provides notice to the Court that it joins in full the arguments in the amicus curiae brief of Ohio, Idaho, et al. in support of appellees, Dkt. 97, in *Rhode v. Bonta*, No. 24-542, filed on January 5, 2025. *See Circuit Advisory Committee Note to Rule 29-1*. The State of Montana joined a similar amicus at the panel stage, Dkt. 50, but counsel for the State of Montana was on paternity leave until January 5, 2025, and inadvertently neglected to join the amicus brief at the *en banc* stage.

Sincerely,

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