WHEREAS, Senator Steve Daines reversed his decision to support the audit of the 2020 election after having given voice to well-reasoned arguments stating why the audit was necessary; and

WHEREAS, the audit provided the best opportunity to resolve the serious questions surrounding the integrity of the 2020 elections and therefore would ensure the credibility of whomever would subsequently occupy the White House; and

WHEREAS, Senator Daines hastily changed his support for the audit without knowing the full details of the 6 January 2021 assault on the Capital Building, and thus assumed without evidence that changing his vote would be a unifying act; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Montana expressed their will, their values, and their stated preferences in re-electing President Donald J. Trump by a larger margin and in greater numbers, than those who re-elected Representative Daines; and

WHEREAS, Representative Daines repeatedly demonstrated contempt for the people of Lake County by refusing to personally address the local populace in any public forum with regard to the Montana Water Rights and Protection Act (MWRPA) which he then attached to House Resolution 133—an appropriations bill—to get signed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake County Republican Party does hereby censure U.S. Senator Steve Daines of Montana for his actions on Wednesday, 6 January 2021, as those actions stand in contradiction to his own reasoned views on why the audit was necessary, and the quantifiable will of the majority of the electorate in Montana, and for doing so without substantial evidence that changing his vote would be a unifying act, and for discarding and treating with contempt the citizens of Lake County with regard to the MWRPA and the means by which it was signed into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Lake County Republican Party calls on Senator Daines to appear before this body at his earliest opportunity to explain his actions and to finally address, face to face, why he refused to fully consult with and consider counter-arguments abundantly available with regard to the MWRPA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Lake County Republican Central Committee

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