To: Governor of the State of Montana, the Honorable Greg Gianforte
The Attorney General of the State of Montana, the Honorable Austin Knudsen
The House and Senate of the State of Montana

From: The Lake County Republican Central Committee Post Office Box 1052, Polson, Montana, 59860

This letter was unanimously approved by the Lake County Republican Central Committee

To the Honorable Addressees,

Monopolistic corporations as well as agents within the federal government are claiming unique authorities empowering them to compromise the freedoms guaranteed *to the people*, without qualification, by the Bill of Rights. We call upon the elected officials of our State to act on behalf of their citizens and safeguard liberty.

The exercise of censorship, cancellation, and demonetizing by corporate monopolies goes against the spirit and intent of the First Amendment. Likewise, House Resolution 127 is an attack on the Second Amendment as well as the Fourth, with the Resolution's clear intent being to turn keeping and bearing arms into a privilege granted by government, and thereby easily removed on a whim by that same government. These are the actions of a police state; not a free society.

Additionally, the federal government has done nothing to restore confidence in the outcome of the election; therefore, the orders of the Executive are tainted with questionable validity. There is little confidence in the legitimacy of the process that would put these Executive Orders, laws, and regulations into effect, and thus it is probable most citizens *will not comply*. If the people are forced to decide between questionable law and the clear text of the Constitution, they will chose the Constitution regardless of the directives and mandates emanating from Washington DC—a city more closely resembling a fortress harboring a frightened dictatorship than the home of a great Constitutional Republic.

The peaceful way forward is for the States to *provide a sanctuary for freedom*. To prevent this situation from deteriorating, we ask Montana's elected leaders to partner with other like-minded States and *form a coalition* dedicated to preserving the freedoms guaranteed to the people by the Constitution. We ask:

- The Attorney General evaluate each order coming out of the Washington DC and ensure unconstitutional encroachments on the Bill of Rights are dismissed outright;
- Montana House and Senate formulate and draft legislation to shield Montanans from these abuses, and that the Governor evaluate and sign that legislation;
- That the Governor initiate a conference with other States for the purpose of providing a unified front dedicated to keeping encroachment and tyranny at bay;
- That this coalition of like-minded States publish a communiqué establishing their cooperation with each other in their actions to stop any federal agency seeking to enforce

- decisions in conflict with the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and threatening to the personal liberty of their citizens;
- That the coalition of States actively fight discrimination against those who voted for and supported the Republican presidential candidate in the 2020 election. States must commit to blocking federal law enforcement from arresting people for merely assembling or expressing their opinions, and they should file 14th Amendment lawsuits against federal agencies singling out conservatives and/or Trump supporters for questioning and investigations;
- That Montana alone or as part of the coalition draft, pass, and enforce laws making censorship, cancellation, and demonetization by corporate social media conglomerates and pay services, to include banks, illegal when applied to prevent free speech.

The citizens of Montana expect their elected officials to uphold their oaths to the Federal and State Constitutions. We expect State governance to play an essential role in performing the task for which it was created; *to protect the liberties, rights, and freedoms* of the *American* citizen. We see this as the best way forward in these divisive and dangerous times, and we expect the elected leadership of the State of Montana to take these concerns seriously.

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