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Plaintiffs and Appellants,

v.

STATE OF MONTANA, LINDA MCCULLOUCH, in her capacity as Secretary of State for the State of Montana,

Defendants and Appellees.

Briefing of this appeal has been completed under an expedited briefing schedule, and the parties have asked that this Court's decision be issued before the March 10, 2014 deadline for state senate candidates to file for office. The members of the Court now having read and reviewed the briefs, and having discussed this case at conference,

IT IS ORDERED that the decision of the First Judicial District Court is AFFIRMED. The Court's full Opinion in this matter will be issued at a later date.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this order to all counsel of record. DATED this day of February, 2014.

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ORDER

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