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May 22, 2023

The Honorable Jason Ellsworth
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

The Honorable Matt Regier
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear President Ellsworth and Speaker Regier:

We share a commitment to efficiency and transparency in government and working together to ensure that the programs operated by the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) fulfill their intended purposes and objectives. We also share a commitment to operating those DPHHS programs to best serve the vulnerable Montanans who need them.

At the same time, my administration is committed to reducing red tape and avoiding and eliminating unnecessary or redundant legal requirements. The objectives outlined in House Bill 917 are largely achieved through existing reporting, the requirements of federal law, other legislation, and existing DPHHS processes and practices. House Bill 917 is therefore unnecessary.

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby veto House Bill 917: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2; PROVIDING DIRECTION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION ON POSTPARTUM CARE; ESTABLISHING INTERIM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 53-4-211, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Sincerely,

Greg Gianforte
Governor

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Enclosure

cc: Legislative Services Division
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State