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FOR THE DISTRICT COURT MISSOULA DIVISION

MONTANA SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION, SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, Inc., and GARY MARBUT, Cause No. **CV-09-147-M-DWM**

Plaintiffs,

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ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFFS' LR 7.4 NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY (Massachusetts v. United States DHHS)

Defendant.

Plaintiffs Montana Shooting Sports Association, Second Amendment Foundation, Inc., and Gary Marbut ("Plaintiffs"), by and through their counsel of record, hereby submits pursuant to L.R. 7.4 the following:

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

Defendant Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States of America ("Defendant") filed a motion to dismiss, which has been fully briefed. On July 8, 2010, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts decided *Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. U.S. Dept. Health and Human Services*, No. 1:09-11156-JLT (D. Mass. July 8, 2010). (*See* copy attached for the convenience of the Court and counsel.) In the opinion, the Court ruled:

This court has determined that it is clearly within the authority of the Commonwealth to recognize same-sex marriages among its residents, and to afford those individuals in same-sex marriages any benefits, rights, and privileges to which they are entitled by virtue of their marital status. The federal government, by enacting and enforcing [federal Defense of Marriage Act], plainly encroaches upon the firmly entrenched province of the state, and, in doing so, offends the Tenth Amendment. For that reason, the statute is invalid.

Id., p. 36.

Such authority bears on the issues raised in several briefs filed in response to Defendant's motion to dismiss. These include:

- 1. Amicus Curiae Brief of the Goldwater Institute, *et al.* (Dkt. No. 32), pp. 6-10;
- 2. Brief of Utah, Alabama, Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wyoming, as Amicus Curiae, in

Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. No. 34), pp. 5-11;

- 3. Amicus Brief of Weapons Collectors Society of Montana in Support of Plaintiffs (Dkt. No. 45), pp. 7-11;
- 4. State of Montana's Brief in Intervention (Dkt. No. 47), pp. 5-6;
- 5. Brief of the Paragon Foundation, Inc., as Amicus Curiae in Support of Plaitniffs and in Opposition to Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. 50), pp. 6-9;
- 6. Amici Curiae Brief of Gun Owners Foundation, Gun Owners of America, Inc., and Virginia Citizens Defense League (Dkt. No. 54), pp. 28-29;
- 7. Brief Amicus Curiae of Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence and Lawmakers from 18 States in Opposition to Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. No. 58), pp. 3-5;
- 8. Brief of Amici Curiae Montana Legislators Opposing Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. No. 64), pp. 20-26.

Such authority was not cited or argued in the briefs because it was promulgated after filing of the last brief concerning the motion to dismiss. See, L.R. 7.4.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2010.

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