

ORIGINAL

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

OP 26-0292

AUDREY S. CROMWELL, in her official
capacity as GALLATIN COUNTY ATTORNEY,

Petitioner,

v.

AUSTIN MILES KNUDSEN, in his official
capacity as MONTANA ATTORNEY GENERAL,

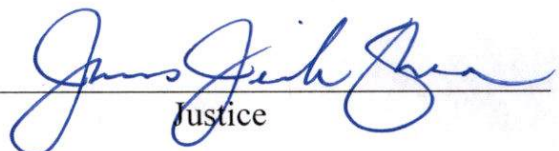
Respondent.

Petitioner Audrey S. Cromwell, in her official capacity as Gallatin County Attorney, seeks declaratory judgment on original jurisdiction under M. R. App. P. 14(4). Cromwell asserts she is entitled to declaratory judgment that declares Montana counties may not lawfully disseminate Confidential Criminal Justice Information (CCJI) to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) upon receiving non-criminal civil or administrative requests without a court order. Cromwell further requests this Court issue an Order terminating the Attorney General's exercise of supervisory control over the Gallatin County Attorney's Office. Cromwell alleges urgent and emergent circumstances necessitate this Court's exercise of original jurisdiction.

Having reviewed the Petition, this Court deems it appropriate to obtain a summary response. Therefore, in accordance with M. R. App. P. 14(7),

IT IS ORDERED that Respondent Austin Miles Knudsen, in his official capacity as Montana Attorney General, is granted until the close of business on Thursday, May 14, 2026, to prepare, file, and serve a response(s) to the petition for declaratory judgment on original jurisdiction.

The Clerk is directed to provide notice of this Order to counsel for all parties.


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